

MEMBER / OFFICER RELATIONS PROTOCOL**Report By: Assistant Chief Executive - Legal and Democratic****Wards Affected**

None

Purpose

1. To consider the Member/Officer Protocol, which was originally suggested by the Standards Committee and approved by Council in March 2005, now forms part of the Council's Constitution and falls to be reviewed.

Financial Implications

2. None.

Background

3. The Committee received at its previous meeting a report from the then Head of Legal and Democratic Services on a draft revised version of the Member/Officer Relations Protocol (Appendix 1).

Consideration

4. In its Guidance 'The Role and Make-up of Standards Committees' the Standards Board for England suggests that Committees should have a wider role in governance, including member/officer relations.

Recommendations**THAT**

- (i) **the Committee considers the revised Member/Officer Protocol; and**
- (ii) **subject to any comments or amendments that it may make, the Committee recommends adoption of the revised code to the next Council meeting.**

Background Papers

None

Appendices

- Appendix 1 – Revised Member/Officer Relations Protocol
- Appendix 2 – Current Member/Officer Relations Protocol