

**Report to:** Full Council

**Date of Meeting:** 10 February 2016

**Report Title:** Amendments to the Council's Constitution - Protocol for Relationships between Members and Officers

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### **Purpose of Report**

The Council's Constitution is the basis for the Council's Corporate Governance. The Protocol has been refreshed to assist Members/Officers relationship after the Senior Management Restructure.

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### **Recommendation(s)**

- 1. Full Council recommend the changes to the Protocol for Relationships between Members and Officers as set out in Appendix 1.**

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### **Reasons for Recommendations**

The Council's Constitution is the basis for the Council's Corporate Governance.

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## Introduction

### 1. Background

1.1 The Protocol for Relationships between Members and Officer (see Appendix 1) needed a refresh in line with the recent changes that the Council have experienced. We are now a smaller council and we are undergoing transformational change in the way services are delivered. CAP previously requested that the Protocol be re-presented for further discussion.

1.3 They also requested that the amendments to the Protocol were shown in a different colour.

1.4 The amendments have been suggested by WAG, CAP, Members and Officers and have now been agreed by all.

1.5 Training on the protocol has been delivered to members December 2015.

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## Wards Affected

None

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## Policy Implications

Please identify if this report contains any implications for the following:

Equalities and Community Cohesiveness	No
Crime and Fear of Crime (Section 17)	No
Risk Management	No
Environmental Issues	No
Economic/Financial Implications	No
Human Rights Act	No
Organisational Consequences	Yes
Local People's Views	No
Anti-Poverty	No

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## Additional Information

Appendix 1 - Protocol for Relationships between Members and Officers

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