

Subject: Protocols for Standards Committee Members **Status:** For Publication

Report to: The Standards Committee **Date:** 22nd September 2008

Report of: Executive Director – Business (Monitoring Officer)

Portfolio

Holder: Finance and Resources

Key Decision: No

Forward Plan General Exception Special Urgency

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 This report recommends the introduction of Protocols for Standards Committee Members.

2. CORPORATE PRIORITIES

2.1 The matters discussed in this report impact directly on the following corporate priorities and associated corporate objective.

- Well Managed Council (Improvement, Community Network)

3. RISK ASSESSMENT IMPLICATIONS

3.1 There are no specific risk issues arising from this report.

4. BACKGROUND AND OPTIONS

4.1 The introduction of Protocols for Members of the Standards Committee will support Members and provide clarity on their role and responsibility. It shows that the Council is committed to promoting ethical standards to improve public confidence in local democracy.

COMMENTS FROM STATUTORY OFFICERS:

5. SECTION 151 OFFICER

5.1 There are no specific financial implications arising from the report.

6. MONITORING OFFICER

6.1 As detailed in the report.

7. HEAD OF PEOPLE AND ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (ON BEHALF OF THE HEAD OF PAID SERVICE)

7.1 There are no specific human resource implications.

8. CONCLUSION

8.1 It is appropriate to adopt protocols so that Members of the Standards Committee are supported in their role.

9. RECOMMENDATION

9.1 That the Protocols be agreed.

10. CONSULTATION CARRIED OUT

10.1 Chair of Standards Committee

11. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Is an Equality Impact Assessment required No

Is an Equality Impact Assessment attached No

12. BIODIVERSITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Is a Biodiversity Impact Assessment required No

Is a Biodiversity Impact Assessment attached No

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