

# **Governance and Audit Committee**

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Title Review of the Member / Officer Protocol

Wards affected Not applicable

# 1. Executive Summary

1.1 The Council has agreed a Member / Officer Protocol which provides a framework for good working relationships between Councillors and Officers. This report requests the Committee to review the Member / Officer Protocol.

#### 2. Recommended Decision

2.1 To agree the Member / Officer Protocol and that it be included in the Council's Constitution.

### 3. Background

- 3.1 The Member / Officer Protocol is contained in Part 5 of the Constitution. This Protocol provides a framework for good working relationships between Councillors and Officers, to define their respective roles and provide some principles governing conduct.
- 3.2 The Committee last reviewed the Protocol at its meeting on 23 November 2021. It is considered to be operating satisfactorily and no changes are proposed.

#### 4. Strategic Plan References

4.1 The manner in which the Council governs its business is an underpinning mechanism in the Council's Strategic priorities to set out the direction and future potential for our Borough.

#### 5. Publicity Considerations

- 5.1 The Member / Officer Protocol forms part of the Council's Constitution which is published on the Council's website
- 6. Financial, Equality, Diversity and Human Rights, Consultation, Health, Wellbeing and Community Safety, Health and Safety, Risk Management and Environmental and Sustainability Implications
- 6.1 None.