

FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

REPORT TO: **STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

DATE: **MONDAY, 6 JULY 2015**

REPORT BY: **MONITORING OFFICER**

SUBJECT: **REVIEW OF THE PROTOCOL FOR MEMBERS IN
THEIR DEALINGS WITH CONTRACTORS/
DEVELOPERS AND OTHER THIRD PARTIES**

1.00 **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.01 To undertake a periodic review of the protocol for Members in their dealings with contractors/developers and other third parties to identify any necessary alterations.

2.00 **BACKGROUND**

2.01 The Council has previously adopted a protocol for Members in their dealings with contractors/developers and other parties which forms part of the Constitution. A copy of the protocol is attached as Appendix 1.

2.02 It is appropriate that such protocols are kept under review to ensure that they remain up to date and any necessary amendments made. All Council Chief Officers have been consulted to identify any changes they believe to be necessary and the responses received have indicated that the current wording remains fine.

3.00 **CONSIDERATIONS**

3.01 The protocol refers to other documents such as the Members' Code of Conduct and the Planning Code of Conduct that themselves have been reviewed since the protocol was introduced. Nevertheless the references in the protocol to those other documents remains accurate and up-to-date with one exception. The Planning Code of Conduct no longer refers to the Unitary Development Plan but to the Development Plan so as to cover the move to Local Development Plans. The word 'Unitary' should therefore be deleted from Clause 4.1 of the protocol. Subject to this officers do not believe there is a need to amend the wording of the protocol.

3.02 If the committee wishes to make amendments to the protocol it is important that any such changes do not make the protocol inconsistent with any of the documents it is summarising.

4.00 RECOMMENDATIONS

4.01 For the committee to review the protocol in Appendix 1 and agree any necessary amendments to it.

5.00 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.01 None as a result of this report.

6.00 ANTI POVERTY IMPACT

6.01 None as a result of this report.

7.00 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

7.01 None as a result of this report.

8.00 EQUALITIES IMPACT

8.01 None as a result of this report.

9.00 PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

9.01 None as a result of this report.

10.00 CONSULTATION REQUIRED

10.01 With Chief Officers.

11.00 CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN

11.01 With Chief Officers

12.00 APPENDICES

12.01 Appendix 1 - Protocol

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION ACT) 1985
BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

None

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