

# Report to Ethical Standards and Member Development Committee

22 March 2022

<b>Subject:</b>	Review of Protocol for Independent Persons Appointed under the Localism Act 2011
<b>Director:</b>	Director of Law and Governance and Monitoring Officer – Surjit Tour
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## 1 Recommendations

- 1.1 That the Committee consider the review of the Protocol for Independent Persons appointed under the Localism Act 2011







## 2 Reasons for Recommendations

In line with the review of the complete suite of documents relating to member code of conduct and arrangements for dealing with standards complaints, the Protocol for Independent Persons appointed under the Localism Act 2011 has been reviewed.

Following approval by the Ethical Standards and Development Committee, the document will be submitted to Council, in addition to the review of the suite of documents in relation to Member Code of Conduct, Arrangements for Dealing with Standards Complaints and Social Media policy.



### 3 How does this deliver objectives of the Corporate Plan?

		High standards of conduct are an essential part of good corporate governance and this in turn has a direct relationship with the delivery of high quality services. The Protocol for Independent Persons complements the Arrangements for Dealing with Complaints under the Code of Conduct.
		
		

### 4 Context and Key Issues

The protocol is intended to be used by Independent Persons who have been appointed under section 28 (7) of the Localism Act 2011, when undertaking their duties.

It makes clear the role of the independent persons and their relationship with the authority and others.

The protocol should be read in conjunction with the Council’s “Arrangements” for dealing with standards allegations under the Localism Act 2011.

### 5 Implications

<b>Resources:</b>	There are no resource implications arising from this report.
<b>Legal and Governance:</b>	The Protocol is intended to be used by Independent Persons appointed under Section 28(7) of the Localism Act 2011 when undertaking their duties.
<b>Risk:</b>	There are no risks arising directly from this report. The Council would be more at risk by setting out a Protocol to make clear the role of the independent persons and their relationship with the authority and others.
<b>Equality:</b>	There are no direct equality issues arising from this report.



<b>Health and Wellbeing:</b>	There is no impact on health or wellbeing arising from this report.
<b>Social Value</b>	There are no implications for social value arising directly from this report.

## 6 Appendices

Appendix 1 – Protocol for Independent Persons appointed under the Localism Act 2011

## 7. Background Papers

None.

