

County Council – 17 July 2012

AMENDMENTS - Proposed by David Hodge

Item 11(a) Annex C - Member/Officer Protocol

Paragraph 15, replace (d) with:

(d) To perform their duties effectively, efficiently and without discrimination.

Delete paragraph 21 after the first sentence as the statutory rights of Members are clearly laid out in Articles 2 and 4 of the Council's Constitution.

Amend first sentence of paragraph 27 to read:

*“Where a **politically sensitive** matter is being handled by an officer under delegated authority, he/she will be responsible for keeping the local Members informed.”*

This is to ensure that Officers cannot avoid advising local members because it is politically sensitive. I believe this is important in ensuring that Backbenchers are not sidelined.

Item 11(a) – Recommendations

Add additional recommendation:

7. The new Member Conduct Panel to review the changes that have been proposed in these papers and the discussion that has taken place today and prepare a new set of papers to be taken to each Group independently and the final recommendations, after agreement by the relevant Groups, to be brought back to Council by March 2013.