

County Council Meeting – 17 July 2012

Amendment to Paragraph 21 of the Member Officer Protocol proposed by Hazel Watson:

Delete everything from the end of the first sentence and replace with:

“In addition to the Constitution, Statute law and the Common law both give Members rights of access to certain Council documents. Under the “need to know” principle, Members are entitled to the information that they reasonably require to enable them to discharge their functions as Councillors. They are not entitled to go on fishing expeditions through Council files.”

Paragraph 21 now reads:

The statutory rights of Members to access other information held by the Council is described in Articles 2 and 4 of the Council's Constitution. In addition to the Constitution, Statute law and the Common law both give Members rights of access to certain Council documents. Under the “need to know” principle, Members are entitled to the information that they reasonably require to enable them to discharge their functions as Councillors. They are not entitled to go on fishing expeditions through Council files.