

**Teignbridge District Council
Procedures Committee
17 July 2024
Part i**

Report Title

Revision of the Member and Officer Protocol

Purpose of Report

To seek approval for the proposed change(s) to the Member/Officer Protocol

Recommendation(s)

That the Procedures Committee recommends to the Council that the proposed Protocol be approved and incorporated into the Constitution.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications arising directly out of this report.

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Legal Implications

There are no specific legal implications arising from this report.

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Risk Assessment

The proposed changes are considered necessary as part of the Council's Best Value obligations. Along with the need to address the recommendations of such as the Peer Review Group and Centre for Governance and Scrutiny.

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Environmental/Climate Change Implications

None

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Appendices/Background Papers

The Proposed Protocol for Member / Officer Relations

The Existing Officer and Member Relations Protocol – Part 10(b) Constitution.

1. Introduction/Background

- 1.1 This report arises as a consequence of a review of aspects of the Council's Constitution and procedures by the Monitoring Officer and Managing Director.
- 1.2 The committee reconsidered the revised protocol on 30 January 2024. At this meeting Members raised concerns regarding the length of the protocol it was deferred to enable the Leader to work with the Managing Director to compile a version for consultation with Group Leaders.
- 1.3 The Protocol being presented is the culmination of that collaborative approach. It was sent to all group leaders, the then Chair of the Council and the Managing Director on 13 May 2024.
- 1.4 To that end, no adverse comments have been received. However, no response has been received from the leader of the opposition.