

## Decision Summary

**Committee:** Standards Committee  
**Date:** 12 February 2015  
**Committee Clerk:** Andrea Woodside  
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### Chair

Councillor David Sheard

### Councillors Attended

Eric Firth, Derek John Hardcastle, Nigel Patrick, David Ridgway, Mohan S Sokhal

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#### 1. Minutes of previous meeting

To approve the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 4 June 2014.

**Decision:** Approved as a correct record.

#### 2. Interests

The Councillors will be asked to say if there are any items on the Agenda in which they have disclosable pecuniary interests, which would prevent them from participating in any discussion of the items or participating in any vote upon the items, or any other interests

**Decision:** No interest were declared.

#### 3. Admission of the public

Most debates take place in public. This only changes when there is a need to consider certain issues, for instance, commercially sensitive information or details concerning an individual. You will be told at this point whether there are any items on the Agenda which are to be discussed in private.

**Decision:** Determined.

#### 4. Deputations / Petitions

The Committee will receive any petitions and hear any deputations from members of the public. A deputation is where up to five people can attend the meeting and make a presentation on some particular issue of concern. A member of the public can also hand in a petition at the meeting but that petition should relate to something on which the body has powers and responsibilities.

**Decision:** No deputations or petitions were received.

## 5. Public question time

The Committee will hear any questions from the general public.

**Decision:** None received.

## 6. Councillors and Officers in Kirklees – A Protocol for Working Effectively

To consider the report.

**Contact:** Carl Whistlecraft, Head of Governance and Democratic Services

**Decision:** That the revised Officer/Councillor Protocol, as attached at Appendix B to the report, be endorsed and referred to the meeting of Corporate Governance and Audit Committee on 27 February 2015 subject to the following amendments; (i) the reference to '(but be sensitive to politics)' within Paragraph 1 be moved to become a substantive bullet point, (ii) paragraphs 6.1 and 6.2 be amalgamated into one with the final sentence of Para 6.2 being removed and the first sentence of Para 6.2 reflecting the need for the request to be in writing, (iii) the words 'However the professional relationship' be removed from paragraph 9.4 and replaced with the word 'Professionalism'.

## 7. Safeguarding Protocol

To consider the report.

**Contact:** Penny Bunker, Governance and Democratic Engagement Manager

**Decision:** (1) That the proposed inclusion of Safeguarding Protocol in Part 5 of the Constitution be endorsed and referred to the meeting of Corporate Governance and Audit Committee on 27 February 2015.

(2) That Officers be asked to consider the implementation of publishing Member training records for public access.