

PROTOCOL BETWEEN LEADER AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE

(Report by Head of Administration)

1. Background

- 1.1 The CIPFA/Solace publication on 'Good Governance in Local Government' forms the framework for the Council's Code of Governance. It recommends the development of a protocol to ensure that the Leader and Chief Executive (as Head of the Council's Paid Service) negotiate their respective roles early in their relationship and that a shared understanding of roles and objectives is maintained.
- 1.2 The adoption of a protocol is an issue outstanding from the Council's Governance Statement. A draft has therefore been prepared, a copy of which is attached as an annex to this report, which has been provisionally agreed by both the Leader and the Chief Executive.
- 1.3 The protocol describes the shared values necessary to a successful working relationship between the occupants of the two positions and summarises their respective roles.

2.0 Conclusion and Recommendation

- 2.1 The adoption of a protocol is good practice. Once adopted, it can be reviewed by the Panel in the light of experience and subsequent legislative change. It is therefore

Recommended

that the Panel approve the attached protocol for the relationship between the Leader of the Council and the Chief Executive

Background Papers:

CIPFA/Solace publication on 'Good Governance in Local Government'
Council's Governance Statement

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