

## Report to the Cabinet

Meeting to be held on Thursday, 7 November 2019

### Report of the Head of Service - Legal and Democratic Services

**Part I**

Electoral Division affected:  
None;

#### Use of Resources for County Councillors - Revised Protocol

(Appendix 'A' refers)

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#### Executive Summary

In order to provide and clarify guidance and support for Councillors in understanding what is and is not acceptable in the use of County Council resources, a revised Use of Resources Protocol is presented for approval, including Disability Statement and Parental Support Policy for County Councillors.

#### Recommendation

Cabinet is asked to approve the revised County Councillor Use of Resources Protocol as set out at Appendix 'A'.

#### Background and Advice

A protocol for the Provision of Authority Resources to County Councillors was first approved by the Deputy Leader on 12 August 2009. Since then there have been a number of changes to working practices and ICT, and the protocol has been regularly reviewed and updated to reflect these changes.

The revised protocol is attached as Appendix 'A', the key changes refer to:

- Support for County Councillors with disabilities; and
- Parental Support for County Councillors

These new support arrangements were developed by Overview and Scrutiny, through the "Does Local Government Work for Women?" Task and Finish Group.

## **Consultations**

N/A

## **Implications:**

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

### **Risk management**

No significant risks have been identified in relation to the proposals contained within this report.

### **Financial**

There are no additional calls on resources as a result of the changes proposed in this report. Any requests for support from councillors with disabilities or requests for maternity and parental support would be met from the existing County Councillor budget.

## **List of Background Papers**

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None

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A