



Subject:	Standards and Business Committee: Members Internal Dispute Resolution Protocol
Date:	23 November 2021
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<b>Restricted Reports</b>	
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After Committee Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
After Council Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
Some time in the future	<input type="checkbox"/>
Never	<input type="checkbox"/>

<b>Call-in</b>	
Is the decision eligible for Call-in?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues</b>
1.1	The purpose of this report is to update Members on the next steps in relation to the draft Members Internal Dispute Resolution Protocol and to seek agreement to hold a workshop to discuss the protocol following the next Committee meeting in January 2022.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
2.1	It is recommended that the Standards and Business Committee agree to review the draft Local Resolution Protocol at a workshop which will follow the next Committee meeting in January 2022.
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main report</b>
3.1	Members received a presentation on a draft Members Internal Dispute Resolution Protocol at the workshop which followed the first meeting of the Standards and Business Committee on 26

	<p>October. Members noted that participation in the protocol is on a voluntary basis and that its purpose is to provide an internal mediation mechanism for the prompt resolution of low level disputes between individual members of Council in relation to their behaviour towards each other. It was agreed that further discussion would be required on the process behind the protocol and the implications for Members who decided to participate.</p> <p><u>Next Steps</u></p> <p>It is proposed that officers will present and explain the processes behind the draft protocol at a workshop which will follow the next meeting of the Standards and Business Committee in January 2022. If approved, awareness training on the protocol will be rolled out to all Members in February 2022.</p>
3.2	<p><u>Financial &amp; Resource Implications</u></p> <p>No financial or resource implications attached to this report.</p>
3.3	<p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p> <p>Any equality, good relations and rural needs assessments implications will be subject to the usual screening processes.</p>
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Appendices</b>
4.1	N/A