

<b>Item No.</b> 6.2	<b>Classification:</b> Open	<b>Date:</b> July 8 2009	<b>Meeting Name:</b> Council Assembly
<b>Report title:</b>		Member and Officer Protocol	
<b>Ward(s) or groups affected:</b>		All	
<b>From:</b>		Strategic Director of Communities, Law & Governance	

### **RECOMMENDATION**

1. That Council Assembly agree the Member and Officer Protocol attached as Appendix A.

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

2. The Member and Officer Protocol was introduced in May 2004. As part of the constitutional review the protocol has been revised.
3. After consideration by Chief Officers, the Standards Committee and Constitutional Steering Panel the Protocol was presented to Council Assembly (annual meeting) on May 20 2009. Council Assembly referred the protocol to the Constitutional Steering Panel for further consideration.

### **KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION**

4. The Constitutional Steering Panel met on June 17, 2009. It agreed that paragraphs 45 and 46 of the protocol relating to home use of computers provided by the council should be simplified.
5. The revised Member and Officer Protocol is now recommended by the Constitutional Steering Panel.
6. A marked up version of the new protocol is attached as Appendix A

### **Resource implications**

7. The proposed changes in members support do have resource implications however it is expected that these will be contained within existing budgets.

### **Legal implications**

- 8.. There are no specific legal implications relating to this report. Any issues relating to constitutional changes will be addressed as part of the constitutional review process.

### **Community Impact Statement**

9. This report has no immediate impact on the community. The proposed protocol should enhance community engagement through clarity of roles.

## BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
Previous report to Council Assembly entitled "Member and Officer Protocol" dated May 20 2009.	Southwark Town Hall Peckham Road London SE5 8UB	Lesley John 020 7525 7228

## APPENDICES

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A.	Member and Officer protocol

## AUDIT TRAIL

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<b>Key Decision?</b>	No	
<b>Consultation with other officers / directorates / executive member</b>		
Officer Title	<b>Comments Sought</b>	<b>Comments included</b>
Strategic Director of Communities, Law & Governance	Yes	Incorporated
Finance Director	No	No
Executive Member	No	No
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