

COUNCIL

22 NOVEMBER 2022

REFERENCE FROM THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

A.7 REVIEW OF THE MONITORING OFFICER PROTOCOL

(Report prepared by Ian Ford)

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To enable the Council to consider the recommendation of the Standards Committee in relation to its review of the Monitoring Officer Protocol.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Standards Committee (“the Committee”), at its meeting held on 26 October 2022 (Minute 13 refers), had considered a report of the Monitoring Officer which had enabled it to review the Monitoring Officer Protocol and to decide whether, if any changes were felt to be required, to recommend those to Full Council for formal approval and adoption.

Having duly considered all of the information and advice contained in the Officer report and its appendices the Committee had unanimously resolved:-

“That, having reviewed the Monitoring Officer’s Protocol, the Committee agrees that the suggested proposed amendments to that Protocol, as set out in the Monitoring Officer’s report, be submitted to Full Council for formal approval and adoption.”

A copy of the published report (minus appendices) of the Monitoring Officer to the meeting of the Committee held on 26 October 2022, is attached as Appendix 1 to this report.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council approves:-

- (a) the proposed amendments to the Monitoring Officer, as shown in Appendix 2, and**
- (b) that the revised Monitoring Officer Protocol, as set out in Appendix 3 be adopted and be incorporated into Part 6 of the Council’s Constitution in due course.**

BACKGROUND PAPERS FOR THE DECISION

Published Minutes of the meeting of the Standards Committee held on 26 October 2022.

APPENDICES

Appendix 1 = Published Report (minus Appendices) of the Monitoring Officer for the meeting of the Standards Committee held on 26 October 2022 (Report A.1)

Appendix 2 = The proposed amendments to the current Monitoring Officer Protocol shown by way of “tracked changes”

Appendix 3 – The proposed new revised Monitoring Officer Protocol