

**Extract of minutes of the Standards Committee  
Dated 10 July 2013**

**33 Minutes and Recommendations of the Focus Group on the Constitution**

The Committee noted the minutes of the Focus Group on the Constitution meeting held on 12 March 2013 and debated the suggested changes to Protocols 2, 3, 4 and 12 of the Constitution, as detailed in the agenda pack.

For Protocol 2, *Councillor-Officer Relations*, the suggested changes were accepted, subject to amendments in paragraph 9.1, 15.1 and the retention of paragraph 15.5

For Protocol 3, *Guidance to Members on Outside Bodies*, the Committee agreed the revised document, subject to amendments to paragraph 15 to provide an explanation of the meaning 'dual-hatted' members, paragraphs 17 and 18, and 22.

For Protocol 4, *Planning Code of Good Practice*, the Committee agreed the changes as set out in the document attached to the report, subject to revisions to paragraphs 5.3 and 6 to be drafted by the Monitoring Officer to bring these paragraphs in line with the rest of the document.

For Protocol 12, *Code of Conduct*, the Committee noted the suggested changes and deferred a decision until concluding discussion of the item under Minute 34 below.

In relation to Protocols 2, 3 and 4 the Committee, therefore,

**Resolved:**

**To recommend Council to adopt the revised documents as attached to these minutes.**