



## **Kirklees Democracy Commission Cross Party Working Group**

### **Officer / Councillor Protocol**

#### **1. Background and context**

As part of its work the Democracy Commission looked closely at the importance of an effective relationship between councillors and officers and recognised the need to revisit and recalibrate the officer and councillor relationship in the context of wider change.

An important document that sets out our aspirations and framework in terms of the relationship between councillors and officers is our Officer / Councillor Protocol. The current Protocol (attached at Appendix 1) was developed by a cross party group of councillors and introduced in 2015.

In light of the Working Group's work it is felt important and timely to revisit our current protocol in the context of the Commission's findings and the changes that have taken place within the council since its original creation.

#### **2. Recommendation**

That the Working Group consider the current Officer / Councillor Protocol with a view to commissioning further work as relevant.

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