Agenda Item 3) Member Officer Protocol

At the Council meeting on 4 April, Councillor Artus proposed the following amendments to the Member Officer Protocol:

1. To include the word 'advocate' in the definition of a member.

2. To include the following clause either at the beginning or the end of the protocol:

"nothing in this protocol shall prevent or hinder a council member from fully engaging with officers of the council, including calling or attending meetings, or offering information and advice in the furtherance of any issue within their wards or wards for which they have responsibility".

The following document contains a revised version of the Code. All changes are on page 5, in bold, underlined text.

Members' views are sought with a view to recommending its adoption at the Council meeting on 16 May.