MEETING OF	FULL COUNCIL
DATE	6 th MARCH, 2014
SUBJECT	PROTOCOL ON THE USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA BY COUNCILLORS
PURPOSE	TO APPROVE A PROTOCOL
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1. The Council's Standards Committee and Democratic Services Committee have agreed on the need for a protocol on the use of Social Media by councillors. A joint Task Group of three members of the two committees was established to draft such a protocol.

2. The Task Group met on two occasions and the Democratic Services Committee had an initial discussion on the content that offered some observations that were sent to the attention of the Task Group.

3. A draft of the protocol based on that work was submitted to the Standards Committee on 27 January and then a draft of the protocol was distributed to each council member through Rhaeadr in order to receive any comments on it.

4. The protocol and the attached appendices are submitted here to the Council for adoption. If the protocol is adopted, the intention is to hold short training sessions at the Area Forums, considering the need for further training subsequently.