

UPDATE ON REVIEW INTO SECURITY OF MEMBERS AT THE COUNCIL

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REASON FOR ITEM

At the Committee meeting on 11 April 2017, it was suggested that a review take place into political safeguarding and security at the Council. A similar topic, "Personal safety of Members of the Council when meeting with members of the public" was previously reviewed in 2011, and as such, it was agreed that a different topic was more suitable for a review. However, Members requested an update on the review that took place in 2011.

RECOMMENDATION

The Committee is asked to note the report and recommend the following action is taken by officers, in consultation with the Chief Whips:

- 1. Remind Members, that if they have concerns over a particular constituent they are in contact with, that the Group Offices can confidentially check the Council's Restricted Persons Register to establish whether further contact should be made;**
- 2. Update the Personal Safety Protocol booklet to include the above, along with the emergency phone line and details of rooms with panic alarms;**
- 3. Re-send the updated the Personal Safety Protocol; and**
- 4. Recommend to the Head of Democratic Services that a workshop for Members regarding personal safety be added to the 2018 Induction arrangements.**

BACKGROUND

1. As part of the continued investigation into previous reviews carried out by the Corporate Services and Partnerships Policy Overview Committee, Members requested an update on the review into the "Personal safety of Members of the Council when meeting with members of the public". This review went before the Whips Committee in May 2011 and recommendations were agreed.
2. Democratic Services recently sought comments from the Group Offices and officers responsible for security at the Council, and the comments on each recommendation were received and detailed in Appendix A of this report.

ATTACHED DOCUMENTS

Review into "The Personal Safety of Members of the Council when meeting with members of the public" (attached as Appendix B)

Members Guide: Personal Safety Protocol when Meeting with Residents (attached as Appendix C).