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To: Standards Committee – 29 July, 2015

Subject: Mutual Assistance Protocol

Summary: The Committee is asked to endorse the Mutual Assistance Protocol.

1. Introduction

- (1) The Kent Monitoring Officers (KMOs) agreed in 2012 a protocol to enhance the arrangements for co-operation between Kent Monitoring Officers that allows for the creation of a cost effective and expeditious system whereby KMOs offer assistance to each other where, by reason of actual or likely conflicts of interest, non-availability, natural justice or other reasons a Monitoring Officer is unable to carry out their functions with the Authority.
- (2) The Protocol was agreed by all the district local authorities in Kent as well as Medway Council and the London Boroughs of Bromley and Bexley.
- (3) I was the signatory to the Protocol on behalf of the County Council.

2. Amendment to the Protocol

Attached is a copy of the Protocol with some suggested amendments as agreed by the KMOs.

3. Recommendation

The Committee is asked to endorse the Protocol.