

PROTOCOL ON MEMBERS' BUSINESS DEALINGS

Report of Chief Executive and City Solicitor

1. Introduction

As Members are aware this protocol requires that where a Member has a business dealing with the Council they are required to notify the Chief Executive. The purpose of this report is to inform Members of a notification given to the Chief Executive in relation to the Ford and Hylton Club which is leased from the Council by Councillor Paul Watson and Councillor Susan Watson.

2. Procedure Adopted

The notice required requested the Council's consent to an assignment of the lease of that property. This is a matter which is delegated to the Director of Development and Regeneration. The matter has been dealt with on his behalf by the Head of Land and Property who has communicated in writing with the professional representatives of the Councillors concerned.

The Head of Land and Property has dealt with the request in accordance with the standard practice which involves taking references on the financial standing of the proposed assignee and appropriate consultations. The lease provides that requests for an assignment cannot be unreasonably refused by the Council. The Director considers that there are no reasonable grounds for such refusal and is therefore proposing to issue consent to the assignment.

3. Recommendation

The Committee is requested to note the contents of this report.