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Response to the 'Review of Council Codes and Protocols' Consultation

Swindon Borough Council's Local Code of Corporate Governance

Section 3.4

Bullet point three "Developing effective relationships and partnerships with ..."

Insert new item to the bulleted list as follows:

"Parish Council's in parished areas".

Section 3.5

Bullet point ten should be reworded to read "Ensuring partnerships and contracts with other public bodies, Parish Councils, voluntary and community organisations, and the private sector have clear governance accountabilities, including effective and equitable financial arrangements".

Section 3.14

"The Council is committed to increasing public involvement in decision-making ... the Council will do this by:"

Bullet point one should be reworded to read "Forming and maintaining relationships with Parish Councils and the leaders of other organisations".

Monitoring Officer Protocol

Section 2 g)

It does not make clear whether this will includes the same service for Parish Councils as well.

Media Guidelines

Section 4.2

The last sentence should be reworded to read "Members should not make public comment on issues not formally in the public domain, such as would bring the Council into disrepute, nor claim to represent the Council unless authorised to do so."

Councillor Role Definitions

Section – Councillor Role Definition Non-Executive (Backbench) Councillor: Duties and Responsibilities

Insert new item under numbered list as follows:

"All Councillors have the duty to seek to represent the overall interest of the whole Swindon community without distinction of political party or geographical location.