

## Consultation on the Council's Codes and Protocols

### Response of the Council's Acting Director of Public Health and the Council's Head of Housing

#### Acting Director of Public Health

##### Local Code of Governance

#### The Principles of Corporate Governance

Focusing on the Council's purpose and on outcomes for the community and creating and implementing a vision for the local area

3.1 We are committed to an ambitious strategy of achieving excellence for our residents and their communities. We demonstrate this by publishing:

- Our Corporate Plan and One Swindon Delivery Plan. *Should this also include reference to the Swindon Health and Wellbeing Strategy?*

3.2 We will regularly review the vision for our local communities, as it is set out in these documents, and its implications for the Council's governance arrangements.

3.3 We will ensure that this vision is shared with our partners through the One Swindon Partnership Board, the Swindon Strategic Partnership (*I thought that the One Swindon Partnership Board was the Swindon Strategic Partnership?*), and the Community Strategy. *should this include the Health and Wellbeing Board?*

3.4 The Council will aim to deliver high quality services that make the best use of resources and are value for money. The Council will do this by:

- Delivering services to meet the needs of the local community, and put in place processes to ensure that they operate effectively in practice.
- Determining local needs and targeting resources according to the Corporate Plan *and the Swindon Joint Strategic Needs Assessment.*
- Developing effective relationships and.....

##### Councillor Role Definitions\*

#### COUNCILLOR ROLE DEFINITION

#### CHAIR OF HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

**To work with other Councillors and officers of the Council and strategic partners to:-**

1. Ensure the Board provides strategic leadership to improve the health and wellbeing of people of all ages in Swindon and to reduce health inequalities in Swindon.
2. Ensure the Board develops the Swindon *Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and the Swindon* Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy.
3. Fulfil the role of.....

## **Head of Housing**

### Monitoring Officer Protocol

*Para 2a suggest reword - to make a little clearer.*

### Guidance to Councillors on dealings with the media

*It may not be relevant to this policy but I do think officers are often vulnerable when dealing with MPs and Ministers of State - some thought on this would be appreciated - happy to discuss as I have involvement with both.*

*Finally - all documents refer to the Monitoring Officer - suggest the post should be identified in brackets (Director of Law and Democratic Services). This is consistent to references to Head of Paid Service (Chief Executive) and Chief Finance Officer/Section 151 Officer (Board Director, Resources)*

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*Often there are a number of Cabinet Member Advisory Groups/Forums. The role and remit of these would be helped by some constitutional clarification. E.g. Housing Advisory Forum.*