

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Executive Decision Record

Decision Make:	Cabinet
Date:	6 February 2024
Title:	Constitutional update, Standing Orders and Protocol for Member Officer Relations
Report From:	Chief Executive

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1. The decision:

- 1.1 That Cabinet approves the revised Standing Order 38 set out in [Appendix 2](#) for recommendation to the County Council.
- 1.2 That the Cabinet approves the updated Protocol for Member Officer Relations as set out in [Appendix 4](#) for recommendation to the County Council.

2. Reason for the decision:

- 2.1 The decision is required to update Standing Orders to enable the Chairman to agree reasonable adjustments to Standing Orders to facilitate the participation of Members and others with disabilities (as defined in the Equality Act 2010) in County Council business, and to update the Protocol for Member Officer relations to take account of the development of the Member Contact Protocol.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

- 3.1. Not to update Standing Orders. The County Council has a duty under the Equality Act 2010 so that where a person has a disability which puts them at a substantial disadvantage in comparison with others who are not disabled to make such adjustments as are reasonable in the circumstances in order to avoid that disadvantage.

4. Conflicts of interest:

- 4.1. Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker: None
- 4.2. Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted: None

5. Dispensation granted by the Conduct Advisory Panel: none.

6. Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent: not applicable.

7. Statement from the Decision Maker:

Approved by:

Date:

6 February 2024

**Chairman of Cabinet
Councillor Rob Humby**