



<b>Report To:</b>	<b>STANDARDS COMMITTEE</b>
<b>Date:</b>	4 April 2017
<b>Report Of:</b>	Sandra Stewart Monitoring Officer
<b>Subject Matter:</b>	<b>MAYORAL PROTOCOL</b>
<b>Report:</b>	<p>Given that the Civic Mayor is the Borough's first Citizen and the public profile of the Civic Party is high the Council has for a number of years operated a Mayoral Protocol. The protocol guides the Civic Mayor and other members of the Civic Party and sets out the standards of behaviour, conduct and appearance that must be adhered to by the Civic Party.</p> <p>In accepting the role of Civic Mayor, Mayoress or Consort and Deputy Mayor those taking up office are agreeing to abide by the Mayoral Protocol and agreeing to carry out their role with dignity and gravitas.</p> <p>Attached for consideration is the declaration that members of the Civic Party are expected to sign prior to taking up office.</p>
<b>Recommendation(S)</b>	That the Standards Committee note and endorse the Protocol setting out the standards of conduct, behaviour and appearance of all members of the Civic Party and the requirement to make the declaration to abide by the Protocol prior to taking up office.
<b>Financial Implications: (Authorised By Section 151 Officer)</b>	There are no significant financial issues arising from this Report.
<b>Legal Implications: (Authorised By Borough Solicitor)</b>	Under the provisions of the Local Government Act 1972 the Council must appoint from amongst its members a Chair, known as the Civic Mayor in Tameside. A Deputy must also be appointed. In April 2011 the Council adopted a Mayoral Protocol to guide the work of the Civic Mayor and other members of the Civic Party. In addition to setting out standards of behaviour, conduct and appearance the Protocol outlines, amongst other things, the roles and responsibilities of the Civic Party and criteria for including events in the annual programme.
<b>Risk Management:</b>	The Mayoral Protocol and the agreed approaches contained in it are designed to uphold the dignity of the office and to reduce risk.
<b>Links To Community Plan:</b>	The Mayoralty contributes to each of the strands of the Community Plan.
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