

**EXTRACT FROM GOVERNANCE AND CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE MINUTES
30 SEPTEMBER 2009**

**LOCAL WARD MEMBERS' PROTOCOL AND THE COUNCILLOR CALL
FOR ACTION PROTOCOL**

The Committee considered a report proposing a Local Ward Members' Protocol and a Councillor's Call for Action Protocol which would strengthen Member involvement at Ward level through the provision of timely, relevant information on local issues.

The Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act emphasised the importance of the role of Ward Members as community leaders and advocated their empowerment to deal with local issues. The proposed Protocols would illustrate how Members, with officer support, could achieve this.

The Local Ward Members' Protocol had received the informal comments of the Leader and Cabinet and their suggestions had been incorporated. The Councillor Call for Action Protocol had been considered by the five Scrutiny Committee Chairmen and appropriate revisions had been made.

RESOLVED

That Council be recommended to adopt the Local Ward Members' Protocol (Appendix A to the report) and the Councillor's Call for Action Protocol (Appendix B) for incorporation into the Constitution.