

## **BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVE CONSULTATION PROTOCOL (MIN 505/02)**

### **1 SUMMARY**

- 1.1 This report provides members with a draft consultation protocol for business representative groups such as the Chamber of Commerce, the Chambers of Trade and Federation of Small Businesses.

### **2 INTRODUCTION**

- 2.1 Members agreed at their meeting on the 22<sup>nd</sup> October, to develop a protocol for consultation with business representatives.
- 2.2 The protocol is a general statement of intent, aimed at setting a framework for communication between the Council and the Business community.

### **3 THE PROTOCOL**

- 3.1 The protocol in appendix 1 outlines what each party can realistically expect from each other. Over time it is expected this will evolve and could include specific actions which would be reported back to this committee.

### **4 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 This is not a legally binding document, but a statement of intent and partnership.

### **5 RECOMMENDATION**

- 5.1 It is proposed that the Committee **RESOLVES**

That the draft proposed business representative consultation protocol be agreed, subject to member comments, and that consultation with businesses on its content takes place prior to reporting back with a finalised version. (CE)

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**Background Papers:**

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