

Extract from the draft minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 28 October 2021

65. DEED OF INDEMNITY FOR MEMBERS AND OFFICERS REVIEW

The Chief Officer & Director of Corporate Services introduced a report which recommended the adoption of a new Deed of Indemnity for Members and Officers. Since the Council had originally adopted its Indemnity for Members and Officers in 2007 there had been an increasing propensity for parties to litigate in order to recover losses which could lead to some individuals becoming concerned about any personal liability that might attach to the performance of their duties. It was not considered to be in the Council's interest if potentially suitable candidates were deterred from seeking election to the Council or seeking appointment to responsible posts supported by the Council because of concerns over possible personal liabilities. It was therefore recommended that the Council provide as wide an indemnity in respect of such risks as it lawfully could, to both Members and Officers, and including Independent Members and Independent Persons, providing they were acting responsibly and in good faith.

RESOLVED:

That the Deed of Indemnity for Members and Officers, at Appendix A to the report, be endorsed and recommended to the General Assembly of the Council for adoption.