

## Miscellaneous general issues raised by the Committee's report

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1.	p35	The report indicates that adopting a member- officer protocol may support the maintenance of a good working culture	The Combined Authority has not adopted a member-officer protocol. The Head of Legal and Governance Services has, however, provided a guidance note for officers supporting Members. She does not propose to progress a member-officer protocol, pending progress on a national model code of conduct.
2.	p36	Reference to a “blanket policy” of not publishing members’ home addresses as part of their register of interests.	Members may request their details are withheld from the published register of interest on the grounds of sensitivity. In practice this has been done to date, where requested, further to careful consideration by the Monitoring Officer. No further action is therefore proposed.
3.	p40	Guidance on use of social media	Guidance has been issued, but will be subject to review further to any amendments to legislation or the issue of a national model code of conduct.
4.	p56	Independent Persons should have a fixed term of 2 years, and a maximum of 2 terms. Terms of multiple members should ideally overlap to provide continuity and institutional memory.	The current Independent Persons have been in post since the Combined Authority was established in 2014. The Head of Legal and Governance Services proposes to take this guidance into account when carrying out the appointment process for these positions.
5.	p85	External auditor should be named on the whistleblowing procedure	The Head of Legal and Governance Services proposes to progress this.
6.	p88	Separate bodies – governance and arrangements	The Director of Corporate Services proposes to review whether there are any additional bodies connected to the Combined Authority, (other than the LEP), for which the governance arrangements should be reviewed.