

**PROTOCOL**

**BETWEEN**

**NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE AND NORTH EAST LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL  
MONITORING OFFICERS**

**AND**

**HUMBERSIDE POLICE**

**Purpose** - To agree a protocol for the reporting of potential criminal offences arising under Section 34 of the Localism Act 2011 concerning the registration and/or disclosure of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPIs) (as defined in the Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012).

1. In the event that a Monitoring Officer receives a complaint regarding a potential DPI offence they will make immediate contact with Humberside Police through the nominated single point of contact.
2. Similarly if Humberside Police receives a complaint they will inform the relevant Monitoring Officer (each authority will be responsible for providing up to date contact details of their appointed Monitoring Officer from time to time).
3. Humberside Police will register the complaint and conduct an initial assessment of the complaint but may approach the relevant Monitoring Officer for background information on the complaint.
4. If Humberside Police decide not to prosecute the matter they will normally pass the relevant evidence to the relevant Monitoring Officer so that consideration can be given to a Code of Conduct breach being pursued. In the event that the relevant Council decides to pursue a Code of Conduct breach they will inform Humberside Police of their decision.
5. Both the relevant Monitoring Officer and Humberside Police will endeavour to keep complainants regularly updated as to the progress of complaints.