

**Protocol for Consultations**

There shall be delegated to each Executive Director the power to respond to consultations which are reasonably considered by that officer to be of a technical nature without reference to Committee .In the event that a Consultation is received with a return date prior to the next ordinary meeting of the relevant committee then the Executive Director shall, after consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair of the Committee, determine whether to consult all members of the relevant committee. Once that consultation has been undertaken the response shall be submitted by the officer who in the event of there being a range of views expressed by members, or otherwise at their discretion, may consult with the Chair.