

CEREDIGION COUNTY COUNCIL

Report to: Democratic Services Committee

Date: 16.12.2022

Title: Attendance at Hybrid Meetings

Purpose of report: To consider a report on the attendance of Councillors following the introduction of hybrid meetings in May 2022

Background

The Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 requires that principal councils make and publish arrangements for the purpose of ensuring that local authority meetings are able to be held by means of any equipment or other facility which enables persons who are not in the same place to attend the meetings.

Following the Local Government Elections in May 2022, a hybrid meetings system was implemented in order to facilitate the requirement of the legislation. The majority of training and workshops have been held remotely in order to minimise the travelling costs associated with attendance in person, the additional time lost as a result of travelling and as a means of contributing to the Council's aim to reduce its carbon footprint to zero by 2030. The introduction of the option to attend remotely further supports efforts by Ceredigion County Council to improve Diversity in Democracy by facilitating opportunities for those that may have other pressures and responsibilities such as childcare, care of dependents, disabilities, work demands etc.

The table in Appendix A provides a breakdown of the method of attendance by Councillors from May 2022 to date. Please note that the final column includes apologies for reasons including attendance at other events on behalf of the Council and absences due to ill-health.

Recommendations: To note the report

Appendices:

Background documents: None

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Job Title: Corporate Lead Officer: Democratic Services

Date: 26.11.2022

DATE	MEETING	COMMITTEE MEMBERS	IN PERSON	%	REMOTE	%	APOLS.	%
13.05.22	Council	38	33	87%	1	3%	4	11%
20.05.22	Council	38	34	89%	1	3%	3	8%
25.05.22	Ethics and Standards Committee (incl. Lay Members)	9	7	78%	1	11%	1	11%
27.05.22	Council AGM	38	32	84%	3	8%	3	8%
06.06.22	Governance and Audit (incl. Lay Members)	9	2	22%	6	67%	1	11%
07.06.22	Cabinet	8	5	63%	3	38%	0	0%
08.06.22	Development Management Committee	15	10	67%	2	13%	3	20%
13.06.22	Language Committee	6	3	50%	3	50%	0	0%
15.06.22	Overview and Scrutiny Coordinating Committee	10	5	50%	4	40%	1	10%
17.06.22	Democratic Services Committee	6	2	33%	1	17%	3	50%
21.06.22	Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny*	12	5	42%	5	42%	2	17%
30.06.22	Learning Communities Overview and Scrutiny*	12	7	58%	3	25%	2	17%
05.07.22	Cabinet	8	6	75%	2	25%	0	0%
08.07.22	Council*	37	29	78%	5	14%	3	8%
13.07.22	Development Management Committee	15	8	53%	4	27%	3	20%
14.07.22	Licensing Committee	11	6	55%	3	27%	2	18%
26.07.22	Special Meeting of Cabinet	8	6	75%	2	25%	0	0%
27.07.22	Thriving Communities Overview and Scrutiny	13	6	46%	5	38%	2	15%
28.07.22	Healthier Communities Overview and Scrutiny	13	6	46%	4	31%	3	23%
10.08.22	Development Management Committee	15	7	47%	7	47%	1	7%
06.09.22	Cabinet	8	6	75%	1	13%	1	13%
26.09.22	Overview and Scrutiny Coordinating Committee	10	7	70%	1	10%	2	20%
26.09.22	Charity Trustee Committee	10	6	60%	1	10%	3	30%
27.09.22	Governance and Audit	9	3	33%	3	33%	3	33%
27.09.22	Development Management Committee	15	7	47%	2	13%	6	40%
29.09.22	Learning Communities Overview and Scrutiny*	14	4	29%	6	43%	4	29%
03.10.22	Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny	12	8	67%	2	17%	2	17%
04.10.22	Cabinet	8	6	75%	2	25%	0	0%
06.10.22	Licensing Committee	11	3	27%	4	36%	4	36%

12.10.22	Development Management Committee	15	9	60%	6	40%	0	0%
13.10.22	Ethics and Standards Committee	9	5	56%	3	33%	1	11%
14.10.22	Special meeting of Coordinating Committee	10	9	90%	0	0%	1	10%
19.10.22	Thriving Communities Overview and Scrutiny	13	5	38%	7	54%	1	8%
20.10.22	Council	38	29	76%	7	18%	2	5%
27.10.22	Healthier Communities Overview and Scrutiny	13	6	46%	6	46%	1	8%
27.10.22	Special Meeting of Coordinating Committee	10	8	80%	0	0%	2	20%
01.11.22	Cabinet	8	6	75%	2	25%	0	0%
23.11.22	Overview and Scrutiny Coordinating Committee	10	7	70%	2	20%	1	10%
24.11.22	Council	38	23	61%	9	24%	6	16%
05.12.22	Language Committee	6	3	50%	1	17%	2	33%
06.12.22	Cabinet	8	6	75%	1	13%	1	13%
TOTAL		596	385	64.6%	131	21.9%	80	13.4%

*Reduced attendance prior to by-election