

CEREDIGION COUNTY COUNCIL

Report to: Democratic Services Committee

Date: 09.06.2023

Title: Protocol for Attendance at Local Authority Multi-location Meetings and Electronic Broadcasts of Meetings

Purpose of report: To consider the draft Protocol

Background

This draft protocol has been created, in line with the Local Government & Elections (Wales) 2021 Act and Welsh Government's the Draft Statutory and Non Statutory Guidance for Principal Council in Wales to provide a guide as to the implementation of the Regulations and to outline the process to apply to the public meetings of Ceredigion County Council, and sets out the practical issues that will need to be addressed in relation to protocols for hybrid meetings.

This protocol supersedes the previous protocol for remote attendance at meetings, which was developed in response to the Local Authorities (Coronavirus) (Meetings) (Wales) Regulations 2020.

Underpinning this Protocol are the fundamental principles that conduct shall be compliant with the Code of Conduct for Members and that the integrity and security of any confidential information is maintained.

Next Steps

For Members of the Democratic Services Committee to consider the draft protocol, and to make recommendations to the Council with regards to including the protocol in the Council's Constitution.

The draft protocol may be subject to further review if the Welsh Government make any amendments to the draft guidance. Members of the Democratic Services committee will be notified of any changes that are forthcoming.

Recommendations: To consider the draft protocol

Appendices:

Background documents: Draft Statutory and Non Statutory Guidance for Principal Council in Wales

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