

CEREDIGION COUNTY COUNCIL

Report to: Democratic Services Committee

Date: 09.06.2023

Title: Discussion Paper for Multi-location Meetings

Purpose of report: To consider the discussion paper

Background

The Welsh Government's the Draft Statutory and Non Statutory Guidance for Principal Council in Wales stipulates the following:

15.54 Sitting alongside the core requirements of the "meeting arrangements" – the legally mandated arrangements that relevant authorities must make for multi-location meetings – can be a wider multi-location meetings policy, which will also reflect the general principles set out from paragraph 15.32 while setting out more detailed procedures to ensure that multi-location meetings work efficiently, effectively and accountably...

15.58 The exact contents of a policy will be agreed at local level. The experience of relevant authorities in the past however suggests that it should include:

- *How to decide which meetings will have physical provision made for them, and which will be conducted wholly through remote means (from paragraph 15.6)*

15.60 Some relevant authorities may decide that all meetings will be conducted through remote means by default. Relevant authorities may wish to adopt different approaches for different bodies, and for different circumstances.

This paper has been drafted to promote discussion by Members of the Democratic Services Committee.

Next Steps

For Members of the Democratic Services Committee to consider the report, and to make recommendations to the Council regarding remote and hybrid meetings.

Recommendations: To consider introducing a pilot exercise in relation to two committees for a period of 18 months, and the make recommendations to Council.

Appendices:

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

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