

CEREDIGION COUNTY COUNCIL

Report to: Democratic Services Committee

Date: 09.06.2023

Title: The Jo Cox Commission on Civility

Purpose of report: To consider correspondence received from the Jo Cox Commission on Civility

Background

Ceredigion County Council received communication from the Welsh Local Government Association in May of this year with regards to the Jo Cox Civility Commission which was launched in February 2023.

The aim of the Commission, as set out in the attached document is to find practical ways to address the problem of abuse and intimidation of elected political representatives and violence towards them, and to advocate for solutions to the issue of abuse and intimidation in order that anyone, regardless of their background feel able to participate in political discourse and be treated with respect.

The first phase of their work will focus on gathering suggestions for how to address these issues, followed by an advocacy phase beginning in late 2023 to push for the adoption of recommendations resulting from the consultation phase.

The WLGA will be coordinating a response on behalf of all Councils in Wales, whilst encouraging all councils to engage directly with it.

Recommendations: To consider whether the Democratic Services Committee wishes to send a response as part of the information gathering exercise.

Appendices: The Jo Cox Commission on Civility

Background documents:

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