

CEREDIGION COUNTY COUNCIL

Report to: Democratic Services Committee

Date: 28.02.2024

Title: Draft Protocol for Councillors Representing Multi-Member Wards

Purpose of report: To consider the draft protocol

Background

The Welsh Government Statutory and Non-Statutory Guidance for Principal Councils in Wales stipulates that if functions are delegated to Councillors within the same ward, councils may wish to produce guidance and support aimed at ensuring decisions undertaken in wards are co-ordinated and complementary in improving outcomes for local people.

The aim of the Draft Protocol is to set out clear guidance and protocols for Councillors and affected residents in Multi-Member Wards in order to avoid confusion and duplication of effort.

It is noted however that the Development Management Committee – Operational Procedures (Part 4 Document I) stipulates:

Those who do speak will be allowed a maximum period of 5 minutes each to speak. This includes:

- *Applicant/Agent*
- *Objector*
- *Town and Community Council representatives*
- *Local ward Member*

It is therefore proposed that the Democratic Services Committee recommends that Members of the Development Management Committee consider via a workshop, whether the 5 minutes allowed for Local Ward Members is shared, or 5 minutes each.

Recommendations:

- a) **To approve the Draft Protocol for Councillors Representing Multi-Member Wards for circulation to all Councillors**
- b) **To recommend that Members of the Development Management Committee considers the wording of the Development Management Committee – Operational Procedures, Part 4 Document I**

Appendices:

None

Background documents:

Statutory and Non Statutory Guidance for Principal Council in Wales

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