

MINUTE OF CORPORATE & ENVIRONMENTAL OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - 15 OCTOBER 2015

27. PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT AT MEETINGS - DRAFT PROTOCOL

Consideration was given to the report of the Borough Solicitor as contained on pages 135 to 142 of the Book of Reports which provided detail in relation to the work undertaken by the Public Involvement in Meetings Working Group, the Public Speaking - Draft Protocol and the recommendations in relation to extending public speaking at meetings.

During discussion comments and questions were raised in respect of:

- Draft Protocol – number of speakers; length / duration of public speaking time; application of the Chairman’s discretion.
- Proposed revised start times of meetings where the public speaking time would apply.

The Assistant Member Services Manager attended the meeting, responded to questions and provided clarification on issues raised.

RESOLVED: That the agreed comment to Council be “that the recommendations as set down at paragraphs 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 4.4(a) and 4.5 of the report, be supported.”