

**MINUTE OF CORPORATE AND ENVIRONMENTAL OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY
COMMITTEE – 12 OCTOBER 2017**

26. PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT AT MEETINGS – REVISED PROTOCOL

Consideration was given to the report of the Borough Solicitor on Public Involvement at Meetings – revised protocol, Appendix 1, at pages 137 to 141 and the circulated revised recommendations.

The Committee noted that the Public Participation in Meetings Working Group had now completed its work and considered its request that it continue to allow it to review the introduction of webcasting at meetings, as detailed within the report. Members discussed the merits of the Working Group undertaking such a review but felt that the cost outweighed the benefits.

The Committee thanked the Working Group for all the work that had been undertaken by them and the recommendations that had been brought forward as a result of its work.

- RESOLVED:
- A. That the revised 'Public Speaking – Protocol' for meetings of Cabinet, Overview & Scrutiny Committees, Audit & Governance Committee and Standards Committee, attached at Appendix 1 to the report, be endorsed and submitted to Council on 13 December 2017 for approval.
 - B. That it be noted that a regular press release will be produced highlighting public speaking timescales.
 - C. That the current facilities/arrangements for people with disabilities accessing meetings of the Council, set out in paragraph 6 of the report, be noted.
 - D. That the Public Participation in Meetings Working Group be thanked for its work which is now concluded and a review on webcasting at meetings not be undertaken.