

Development Management Committee Substitutes – Draft Protocol

Background:

At its meeting on 19 December 2019, the Council decided that, initially for a trial period for the remainder of the 2019/20 Municipal Year, Group Leaders be given the ability to nominate Substitute Members (from the Overview and Scrutiny Panel membership only) to serve on the Development Management (DM) Committee.

Appointed Substitute Members:

Cllr O’Callaghan (Lib Dem Group);
Cllr Reeve (Conservative Group);
Cllr Smerdon (Conservative Group);
Cllr Spencer (Conservative Group);
Cllr Thomas (Lib Dem Group);

Protocol:

1. Appointed Substitute Members for the DM Committee must have attended the appropriate Member Planning Training sessions (to the satisfaction of the Head of Practice Development Management) before they can take part in the planning decision-making process. Appointed Substitute Members will also be expected to attend planning training refresher sessions as and when they are provided;
2. A Substitute must be appointed from the same political group as the Member who is unable to attend the Committee meeting and must be appointed from the membership of the Overview and Scrutiny Panel;
3. To enable their attendance at the DM Committee Site Inspections, the Leader of the Political Group concerned must give notice in writing to Democratic Services by 12 noon on the Friday before the Committee meeting is held. The Substitute Member will then be invited to attend the site inspections in advance of the Committee meeting;
4. A Substitute must be appointed for the duration (and not part) of a meeting;
5. A Substitute will have full voting rights at DM Committee meetings;
6. **With regard to a deferred application, as long as a Substitute Member has viewed the extract of the webcast when the planning application was first considered (or was in**

attendance at the Committee meeting in a non-voting capacity), the Substitute Member will be able to take part in the debate and vote at the meeting when the application is re-considered;

7. At the start of any meeting for which a substitution has been arranged in accordance with these Rules, the Democratic Services representative at the meeting shall announce that the absent Member apologises for his/her absence and that the named Member has been appointed to serve as their substitute.