



DEMOCRATIC AND COMMITTEE ADMINISTRATION PROGRAMME 2023

DEALING WITH DECISIONS - GROUP DISCUSSION

1. A councillor announces that he must leave the meeting during the discussion of a report and asks for his vote against the recommendation to be recorded when the vote is taken.

What advice would you give the Chair?

2. On a planning application recommended for approval an objector who had registered to speak was not allowed to address the meeting. Someone else (who had not registered to speak) was permitted to address the meeting and strongly supported the application.

The next day the objector calls your boss to complain about the handling of the application.

What is the issue here?

3. You are approached by the Cabinet Member for Community Services for advice following her meeting with the local Citizens Advice Bureau the previous evening at which she promised them a grant of £10,000 towards their running costs.

What advice would you give her? What needs to be done to ensure that a decision is properly taken, recorded and published?