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### PCC Member

As a member of PCC I share the concerns. We have had a number of meetings in the last year or so that have had too many agenda items and finished too late. After 10.30pm we have been going for three hours plus and I sometimes worry about the standard of decision making when people are tired. And of course, many of us will also have had a full working day as a prelude the PCC.

However, I am unsure what the solution are:

- \* More meeting? We have already stepped up to two a month, that would seem to me the most you can reasonably expect PCC members to commit to as it stands;
- \* Earlier starts? Perhaps, but for PCC members working full time, that is a real challenge as most of us want to finish work and eat before the Planning meeting, particularly given the long meetings. Also, for me it is the length of the meeting, not the late finish that is the worst thing. But I go to bed late anyway. Some members commute to London and elsewhere to work, for them, earlier starts are a non runner:
- \* A cut off? Perhaps this makes sense, but it would need to be quite late. No items commencing after 10.30pm doesn't seem unreasonable. However, that would no doubt be unpopular with applicants and opponents who are cut off. We would need to ensure that applications with members of the public present were heard before the quillotine:
- \* Day time meeting? Ask me when I'm retired! For those members working full-time, or for some working part-time or with other commitments, very problematic. I took annual leave to attend the Highover Farm site visit as a one off, but my leave is a finite resource. Of course, some employers offer paid time off for Council duties, perhaps it is worth polling members as to how common that is. Otherwise, if you want members to regularly attend during the day, a responsibility allowance would perhaps be justified, but I worry about the optics of an SRA for Planning.

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Earlier meetings would work for some but depends on how early those would be. I for example would be able to meet at 6pm at the earliest.

Having a cut off would work but I think this would need to be subject on how far we have got with an agender item. For example if the particular agender is almost complete I would say we should finish that then arrange to complete the rest another date.

Sub committees again would work if maybe they can be remote I for one would not be able to be at the chamber due to work and childcare arrangements.

Overall, I think anything we do will work for some but might not work for all.

[NB note the recently published consultation on remote/ hybrid or potential proxy voting commenced last week]. Therefore in the future more flexibility may be available.