

# Coronavirus protocols for attending Committee Meetings at West Offices

If you are attending a meeting in West Offices, you must observe the following protocols.

**Windows must remain open within the meeting room to maintain good ventilation.**

**Furniture must not be moved from the designated safe layout.**

If you're displaying possible coronavirus symptoms (or anyone in your household is displaying symptoms), you must follow government self-isolation guidance and must NOT attend your meeting at West Offices.

## Testing

The Council encourages regular testing of all Officers and Members and also any members of the public in attendance at a Committee Meeting. Any members of the public attending a meeting are advised to take a test within 24 hours of attending a meeting, the result of the test should be negative, in order to attend.

Test kits can be obtained by clicking on either link: [Find where to get rapid lateral flow tests - NHS \(test-and-trace.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus/covid-19/testing/rapid-tests/), or, [Order coronavirus \(COVID-19\) rapid lateral flow tests - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/order-coronavirus-covid-19-rapid-lateral-flow-tests).

Alternatively, if you call 119 between the hours of 7am and 11pm, you can order a testing kit over the telephone.

## Guidelines for attending Meetings at West Offices

You must:

- Not arrive more than 10 minutes early
- Wear a face covering when entering the building and in the 'common' areas of West Offices
- Visitors to enter West Offices by the customer entrance and Councillors to enter using the staff entrance only.
- Ensure your ID / visitors pass is clearly visible at all times
- Use the touchless hand sanitiser units on entry and exit to the building and within the Meeting room.
- Keep to the left and adhere to social distancing where possible when using staircases and walkways, giving way on the staircase landings
- You must sit at the dedicated spaces around the table and if screens are in place do not move them or lean around them.
- Bring your own drink if required
- Maintain social distancing of 2 metres within toilet areas and remain vigilant for other occupants
- Only use the designated toilets next to the Meeting room

**Please note:** If you intentionally, or repeatedly, breach any of the social distancing measures, or hygiene instructions, you will be asked to leave the building.

## Developing symptoms whilst in West Offices

If you develop coronavirus symptoms during a Meeting, you should:

- make your way home immediately
- avoid the use of public transport where possible
- self-isolate for 10 days

You should also:

- Advise the Meeting organiser so they can arrange to assess and carry out additional cleaning

- Continue to observe social distancing
- Do not remain in the building any longer than necessary
- Do not visit any other areas of the building before you leave

If you receive a positive test result, or if you develop any symptoms before the meeting is due to take place, **you must not attend the meeting.**