

## CABINET ITEM COVERING SHEET PROFORMA

AGENDA ITEM

REPORT TO CABINET

13 MARCH 2014

REPORT OF CORPORATE  
MANAGEMENT TEAM

### CABINET DECISION

Corporate Management and Finance – Lead Cabinet Member – Councillor David Harrington  
Access and Communities – Lead Cabinet – Councillor David Coleman

#### Recording and Web Broadcasting of Council Meetings

1. Summary

To request Members Advisory Panel (MAP) to consider issues relating to the possible recording and web broadcasting of Council meetings, and to report findings back to a future Cabinet Meeting.

2. Recommendations

That Cabinet ask MAP to consider the possibility of recording and web broadcasting of Council meetings and report back to a future meeting of Cabinet.

3. Reasons for the Recommendations

To consider issues relating to the possible recording and web broadcasting of Council meetings

4. Members' Interests

Members (including co-opted Members) should consider whether they have a personal interest in any item, as defined in **paragraphs 9 and 11** of the Council's code of conduct and, if so, declare the existence and nature of that interest in accordance with and/or taking account of **paragraphs 12 - 17** of the code.

Where a Member regards him/herself as having a personal interest, as described in **paragraph 16** of the code, in any business of the Council he/she must then, **in accordance with paragraph 18** of the code, consider whether that interest is one which a member of the public, with knowledge of the relevant facts, would reasonably regard as so significant that it is likely to prejudice the Member's judgement of the public interest and the business:-

- affects the members financial position or the financial position of a person or body described in **paragraph 17** of the code, or

- relates to the determining of any approval, consent, licence, permission or registration in relation to the member or any person or body described in **paragraph 17** of the code.

A Member with a personal interest, as described in **paragraph 18** of the code, may attend the meeting but must not take part in the consideration and voting upon the relevant item of business. However, a member with such an interest may make representations, answer questions or give evidence relating to that business before the business is considered or voted on, provided the public are also allowed to attend the meeting for the same purpose whether under a statutory right or otherwise (**paragraph 19** of the code)

Members may participate in any discussion and vote on a matter in which they have an interest, as described in **paragraph 18** of the code, where that interest relates to functions of the Council detailed in **paragraph 20** of the code.

### **Disclosable Pecuniary Interests**

It is a criminal offence for a member to participate in any discussion or vote on a matter in which he/she has a disclosable pecuniary interest (and where an appropriate dispensation has not been granted) **paragraph 21** of the code.

Members are required to comply with any procedural rule adopted by the Council which requires a member to leave the meeting room whilst the meeting is discussing a matter in which that member has a disclosable pecuniary interest (**paragraph 22** of the code)

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#### **Detail**

1. The issue of recording and web broadcasting of Council meetings has been utilised in some councils as a means of enabling access to Council business and encouraging take up of becoming a local Councillor.
2. There are many (and some sensitive) issues to consider, including cost, demand, personal feelings and views of members and report back to a future meeting of Cabinet.
3. The Government is also currently consulting on the prospect of making such arrangements a statutory requirement. MAP can also consider this as part of their work.

## **FINANCIAL AND LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

None at this time.

## **RISK ASSESSMENT**

Low risk at this stage

## **COUNCIL PLAN**

Organisation and Effectiveness

## **EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

To be carried out if needed at an appropriate time.

## **CORPORATE PARENTING**

N/A

## **CONSULTATION INCLUDING WARD/COUNCILLORS**

Members Advisory Panel.

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Education related? No.

Background Papers **None.**

Ward(s) and Ward Councillors: **N/A**