

AGENDA ITEM
REPORT TO COUNCIL
19 NOVEMBER 2014
REPORT OF CORPORATE
MANAGEMENT TEAM

RECORDING AND WEB BROADCASTING OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

SUMMARY

To update Council regarding the outcome of the meetings of the Members Advisory Panel ("the Panel") and of Cabinet held on the 5 September and the 6 November 2014 respectively.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that Council considers the report.

DETAIL

1. As a result of a request from Cabinet (at its meeting on 13 March 2014), the Panel met on 5 September 2014 to consider the possibility of the Authority recording and web-broadcasting its own meetings. Cabinet asked the Panel to report the findings to a future Cabinet meeting.
2. The Panel agreed that:-
 - (i) Subject to both a technical and financial appraisal being carried out and reported to Members (of the Panel) initially, and thereafter to Cabinet/Council, agreement in principle be given to the Council recording/web-broadcasting the following meetings, being meetings most likely to engage members of the public:-
 - Council
 - Cabinet
 - Planning Committee
 - (ii) A further report on the results of the appraisals be reported to the next meeting (of the Panel).
3. A copy of an extract from the Panel's minutes is attached at **Appendix 1**.
4. At its meeting on 6 November 2014, Cabinet considered and agreed with this proposed approach. Details of Cabinet's decision are attached at **Appendix 2**.

5. Council is asked to consider these deliberations and whether it endorses the approach proposed, before further work is undertaken and reported to the Panel's next meeting on the 10 December 2014.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Financial

6. There are no financial implications at this stage. Costs will arise if the Council decides to record and/or web broadcast its own meetings. These will be reported further in due course, if the principle of recording/broadcasting the Council's own meetings is agreed.

Legal

7. There are no legal implications arising from this report.

RISK ASSESSMENT

8. The risks arising from what is proposed can be categorised as low to medium.

COUNCIL PLAN IMPLICATIONS

9. Organisational and operational effectiveness and strong local democracy.

EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

10. Should the Council decide to agree to record or broadcast its own meetings an assessment will be carried out at the appropriate time, if thought necessary.

CONSULTATION

11. All Members will have an opportunity to comment on the principle of the Council recording/web-broadcasting its own meetings, and should that be agreed on the detailed proposals for doing so.

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<u>Background Papers:</u>	None
<u>Ward(s) and Ward Councillors:</u>	Not Ward Specific
<u>Property Implications:</u>	Not applicable