

Constitution – Proposed Changes

Section and Reference	Existing Text	Proposed amendment including revised text if appropriate
<p>Part 4 Rules of Procedure</p> <p>4.11 Public Access to Information Rules of Procedure</p>	<p>Introduction</p> <p>These procedure rules apply to all Council meetings, including Overview, Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee and its sub-committees, the Standards Committee and its sub-committees and meetings of the Cabinet.</p> <p>Members of the public may attend all Council, Cabinet and committee meetings subject to the exceptions in these rules.</p>	<p>Introduction</p> <p>These procedure rules apply to all Council meetings <u>of the Council and its Committees and Sub Committees</u>, including Overview, Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee and its sub-committees, the Standards Committee and its sub-committees and meetings of the Cabinet.</p> <p>Members of the public may attend <u>and record</u> all Council, Cabinet and committee/<u>sub-committee</u> meetings subject to the exceptions in these rules.</p> <p>Add New paragraph: <u>5. Public Recording of Meetings of the Authority</u></p> <p><u>Members of the public and media may take photographs, film, audio-record or report via social media the proceedings of any meeting of the Cabinet, Council, its Committees and Sub-Committees where the meeting is open to the public.</u></p> <p><u>Any person whose recording activities are disruptive to the meeting may be</u></p>

required by the Chair to stop recording and may be removed from the meeting. (Please also see Part 8.13 Protocol on Reporting on Meetings of the Authority by Members of the Public).

Reason for proposed change:

To reflect the requirements of the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014 regarding the recording of meetings of Cabinet, the Council and its Committees and Sub Committees by members of the public.

Implications of proposed change:

- **Finance and other resource implications:**
There are no implications.
- **Legal implications:**
The Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014 requires local authorities to allow members of the public to report on Cabinet, Council, Committee and Sub-Committee meetings where the public are not excluded.
- **Consultation/Engagement undertaken (internal and external):**
Consultation has taken place with the Constitution Task Group. All Members have been notified about the new regulations via the Members' newsletter and a briefing note has been sent to all senior managers.
- **Human Rights implications:**
There are no implications.
- **Equalities and Diversity implications:**
There are no implications.

- **Risk Management implications:**
There are no implications.
- **Crime and Disorder implications:**
There are no implications.
- **Environment and Sustainability implications:**
There are no implications.

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