

PART 9E



Rules governing the Filming, Photographing and Recording of public meetings of the Council

The filming, photographing and recording of all Council, Cabinet (including portfolio holder meetings), Committee, Sub Committee and Panel meetings (collectively known as Council meetings) to which the public are admitted shall be allowed.

Meetings or parts of meetings from which the press and public are excluded may not be filmed or recorded.

The public and broadcasters are permitted to film, photograph or record meetings to which they are allowed access so long as they do so from areas specifically allocated to them and in a manner which does not disrupt the running of the meeting.

The use of digital and social media recording and communication tools including Twitter, Blogging or audio recording will be allowed so long as it does not interfere with the running of the meeting.

The filming, photographing or recording of members of the public is prohibited in circumstances where they are not making representations to the meeting and the Council will take action as it considers appropriate against any person found to be contravening this restriction.

Where a member of the public who is addressing the meeting does actively object to being filmed, photographed or recorded, they should not be filmed, photographed or recorded.

The Chair of the meeting or any Council representative designated by the Chair, has the Authority to stop the meeting and take appropriate action if any person breaches these rules or is considered to be filming, photographing or recording in a disruptive or otherwise inappropriate manner.

Any person or organisation choosing to film, photograph or record any meeting of the Council, is responsible for any claims or other liability resulting from them doing so and by choosing to film, photograph or record proceedings, they accept that they are required to indemnify the Council, its members and officers in relation to any such claims or liabilities.

The Council will display the requirements as to filming, photographing or recording, at its meeting venues and those undertaking these activities will be deemed to have accepted them whether they have read them or not.

The Council will publish the guidance on the filming, photographing and recording of meetings on its web site.