

PUBLIC NOTICE

FILMING AND USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA IN LOCAL COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Local Government Audit and Accountability Act 2014 and the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014 reaffirm the right of the press and public to attend and record the meetings of statutory bodies such as Local Councils (Parish, Town, City and Community councils).

If anyone would like to record at a Local Council meeting please inform the Clerk prior to the start of the meeting.

The regulations allow the recording, broadcasting and use of social media to comment on council, committee and sub committee meetings if conducted in a non-disruptive manner during the course of a meeting.

Such rights as accorded in the legislation do not extend to recorded material being used:

- out of sequence
- in a way that it misinterprets the proceedings
- in a manner that misinterprets the views of those speaking at the meeting

The Chairman of the meeting has the right to ask any person to leave a meeting or suspend a meeting if the actions of those in attendance, including councillors, are deemed to be sufficiently disruptive to impede the business of the meeting.

Please note the regulations do not apply to meetings of the council, committee or sub committee where the press and public are excluded and where publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business being transacted at the meeting.

The regulations also do not apply to working party or informal task group meetings.

Signed  Clerk to the Council

5th January 2015