
Extract from Standing Orders

(additions shown in bold, italic text)

Webcasting

4.06 Meetings of the County Council and some committees are webcast and the following provisions will apply. ***There is a presumption that all meetings of the Cabinet, Select Committees and Planning Committee will be webcast. Other committees can be webcast at the request of their Chairman and Vice-Chairmen.***

4.06a A decision to webcast all or part of a meeting or waive the presumption can be made by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Committee. The following factors should be taken into consideration:

- ***The subject is/is not of significant interest to residents***
- ***The subject has/does not have a significant impact on the Council's budget or on an area of service delivery***
- ***The subject is/is not a call-in at a Select Committee***
- ***The subject relates/does not relate to a matter of current national or local interest***
- ***The location of the meeting will/will not inhibit public attendance***
- ***There are/are no specific reasons for webcasting in order to ensure the widest possible audience or accessibility by the public.***

4.06b If the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of a Select Committee disagree on whether to waive the presumption that the meeting should be webcast, the Select Committee's Business Planning Group will be consulted virtually and a majority decision will be taken within one working day.

4.07 The Chairman of the meeting has the discretion to request the termination or suspension of the webcast if, in the opinion of the Chairman, continuing to webcast would prejudice the proceedings of the meeting. The circumstances in which termination or suspension might occur would include:

- (a) Public disturbance or suspension of the meeting;
- (b) Exclusion of public and press being moved and supported; and
- (c) Any other reason moved and seconded and supported by the Council/meeting.

4.08 No exempt or confidential agenda items shall be webcast. No part of any meeting held in 'Part II' (i.e. with the public and press excluded) will be webcast after members have passed a resolution excluding the public and the press because there is likely to be disclosure of exempt or confidential information. The clerk of the meeting will ensure that filming and/or recording of the meeting has ceased and will confirm this to the Chairman of the meeting before any discussion of exempt or confidential matters is commenced.

4.09 All archived webcasts will be available to view on the County Council's website for a period of six months, but archived webcasts or parts of webcasts can be removed from the Council's website if the Director of Law and Assurance considers that it is necessary because all or part of the content of the webcast is or is likely to be in breach of any legal provision such as Data Protection and Human Rights legislation or provisions relating to confidential or exempt information. If the Director decides to take such action he or she must notify all members in writing as soon as possible of his or her decision and the reasons for it.