

14. REVIEW OF DECISION-MAKING ARRANGEMENTS - WEBCASTING AND RECORDING MEETINGS

The panel considered a joint report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Governance Manager and Head of Corporate Services to consider proposed changes to Standing Orders in relation to recording and webcasting council and committee meetings.

It was recommended that the panel consider the following recommendations that would be reported to full council determination :-

1. To note that Council Executive on 20 August 2019 instructed officers to bring forward proposals through the Partnership & Resources PDSP in relation to extending audio webcasting and recording of meetings;
2. To note the present terms of Standing Order 24 on Public Press – Access (Appendix 1);
3. To agree the proposed reworking of Standing Order 24 to extend the audio webcasting and recording to all meetings of the bodies in the Scheme of Administration where technology allows (Appendix 3)
4. To agree a further change to Standing Order 24 to remove the current restriction on the audio recording of meetings by others (Appendix 4).

Decision

1. To note the contents of the report;
2. To agree that the report be presented to a future meeting of West Lothian Council for approval; and
3. To note the comments of the Joint Forum of Community Council's representative in that all council meetings should be a live broadcast to the council's website.