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Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014, Amendment to Model Standing Orders

The Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014, came into force on 6 August 2014, permitting the filming and recording of local council meetings, committee meetings and sub committee meetings.

It is recommended that the following changes are made to Standing Orders to respond to this change.

DELETE : NALC Model Standing Order 3 (l) and renumber accordingly.

INSERT : new standing order 4 and re number accordingly

Proposed new Standing Order 4

4) Filming and recording meetings

a) Whilst a meeting of the Council, its committees or sub committees is open to the public, any person, if present, may :
   i) film, photograph or make an audio recording of a meeting;
   ii) use any other means for enabling persons not present to see or hear proceedings at a meeting as it takes place or later;
   iii) report or comment on the proceedings in writing during or after a meeting or orally report or comment after the meeting.

b) Oral reporting, commentary or broadcasting is not permitted during any part of a meeting of the council, its committees and sub committees.

c) An individual must be present and able to use their equipment in order to film, photograph or audio record a meeting. There will be no opportunity to report on any part of the meeting where the council has resolved to exclude the press and public.

d) Disruptive behaviour

   i) No filming, photographing or audio recording of a meeting should be carried out in such a way as to disrupt the proceedings of the meeting.
   ii) If person(s) disregard the request of the chairman of the meeting to moderate or improve their behaviour, any councillor or the chairman of the meeting may move that the person be instructed to cease filming, photographing or audio recording. The motion, if seconded, shall be put to the vote without discussion.
   iii) If a resolution under standing order 31 d ii) above is ignored, the chairman of the meeting may take further reasonable steps to restore

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order or to progress the meeting. This may include temporarily suspending or closing the meeting.

e) Members of the Council recording meetings are reminded of their obligations under the Council's Code of Conduct in respect of confidential matters.