(2) Broadcasting of All Principal Council Meetings

Council considered the following motion by Councillor McCabe seconded by Councillor Spears:-

There has recently been an increase in questioning on the veracity of the Council minutes and allegations regarding the conduct or behaviour of members within the Council chambers. External organisations are having to rely on the recollection of Members and officers alike, of activities which may have been sometime in the distant past.

Council recognises the desire for full accountability & transparency over all Council Business and instruct officers to prepare costs to provide an internet streaming package for all principal council meetings. The package will also have the facility to archive all 'streamed' Council meetings for availability to reference at a later date. Archive access will be freely available to all from the Council's website.

The Chief Executive to report back at the next Full Council Meeting identifying service providers and proposed funding sources, with a view to immediate implementation.

The Leader of the Council indicated that the Administration would be prepared to accept the terms of the motion subject to the deletion of the preamble in the first paragraph. This was accepted by Councillors McCabe and Spears as mover and seconder of the motion.

Decision

Council agreed:-

- 1) to recognise the desire for full accountability and transparency over all Council business;
- 2) to instruct officers to prepare costs to provide an internet streaming package for all principal council meetings. The package to also include the facility to archive all 'streamed' Council meetings for availability to reference at a later date and that archive access will be freely available to all from the Council's website; and
- 3) that the Chief Executive will report back to the next full Council meeting identifying service providers and proposed funding sources, with a view to immediate implementation.