

FC67. WEB CASTING COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council considered a report by the Chief Executive providing further information on the costs and technical requirements of implementing a web streaming package for all principal Council meetings including the facility to access streamed webcasts at a later date from the Council's website.

Council had previously, on 9 June 2013, requested a report on the likely costs to web cast and access archived recordings of all principal meetings. A report had been considered by Council on 25 September and further information had been requested.

The report set out in detail the technical issues and costs involved in establishing a webcasting service and highlighted issues in regard to resources, training and data protection.

In light of the indicative costs for webcasting set out in the report, Councillor C Martin, seconded by Baillie Paterson moved that "the Chief Executive be asked for a future report on the costs and technical implications of audio recording Council meetings."

By way of an amendment Councillor Meiklejohn, seconded by Councillor Jackson, moved in substitution that:-

"Council recognises the benefits to the general public of Council meetings to be recorded and being accessible on the Web and therefore agrees to initiate a senior schools competition, the remit of which would be to design a recording methodology for Council meetings that would enable them to be placed in the public domain following conclusion of which, the winning design would be implemented and the School given a monetary prize for example £5,000."

Councillor G Goldie gave notice of a further amendment.

Following discussion, Council adjourned at 11.05 a.m. to allow members to consider the motion and amendment and reconvened at 11.20 a.m. with all members present as per the sederunt.

Councillor Martin, with the consent of the Provost and of Baillie Paterson, as his seconder, adjusted the terms of his motion to read:

The Chief Executive is requested to bring forward a report on the audio recording of Council meetings, the report to include as one of the options, the potential to initiate a competition for senior schools to design such a system, the report be discussed with Group Leaders so that if agreed it can be implemented without delay."

In terms of Standing Order 22.4.1, a vote was taken by roll call, there being 31 members present with voting as undernoted:-

For the motion (16) – Provost Reid; Depute Provost Patrick; Baillies Buchanan and Paterson; Councillors Black, Blackwood, D Goldie, G Goldie, Gow, MacDonald, McLuckie, Mahoney, Martin, Dr CR Martin, Nicol and Nimmo.

Against for the amendment (15) – Councillors Alexander, Balfour, Bird, Carleschi, Chalmers, Coleman, Hughes, Jackson, McCabe, McNally, Meiklejohn, Oliver, Ritchie, Spears and Turner.

The adjusted motion was agreed and became the substantive motion.

Having given notice of a further amendment, Councillor Goldie stated that he would not move an amendment.

Councillor McCabe then gave notice of a further amendment, and moved, in substitution for the motion, with Councillor Spears as his seconder, that “Council agrees to the implementation, as soon as possible, and in time for the next scheduled council meeting **(in March 2014)** of audio recording of all Council meetings.”

On a division 15 members voted for the amendment and 16 voted for the motion.

Decision

Council agreed:-

- 1) to request the Chief Executive to bring forward a report on the audio recording of Council meetings, the report to include as one of the options, the potential to initiate a competition for senior schools to design such a system, and**
- 2) that the report be discussed with Group Leaders so that, if agreed, it can be implemented without delay.**