

FC56. AUDIO RECORDING OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council considered a report by the Director of Corporate and Housing Services requesting that the arrangements for audio recording Council meetings is formalised.

Council agreed, on 13 December 2013 (ref FC67), to the audio recording of its meetings. To date, 15 meetings have been recorded, each time by a local company, TapestryAV. It was now proposed that Council seek to formalise the arrangements for recording its meetings through 2016/17 (in order to accommodate plans for the new Council HQ) with any contracts being consistent with the requirements of Standing Orders.

Councillor C Martin, seconded by Councillor Meiklejohn, moved that Council agrees to:-

- (1) the audio recording of Council meetings for the period to 31 March 2017 in consequence of which the Director of Corporate and Housing Services will make the necessary arrangements consistent with the requirements of Contract Standing Orders; and
- (2) the posting of the audio recordings of the public parts of Council meetings on the Council's website.

As an amendment, Councillor McCabe moved that in addition, Council agrees to:-

- (3) consider the inclusion of audio/visual recording equipment in all Council chambers/committee rooms at the design stage of the new HQ.

Councillor Martin, with consent of the Provost, and Councillor Meiklejohn, as his seconder, agreed to adjust his motion to include the terms of the amendment.

Decision

Council agreed to:-

- (1) the audio recording of Council meetings for the period to 31 March 2017 in consequence of which the Director of Corporate and Housing Services will make the necessary arrangements consistent with the requirements of Contract Standing Orders;**
- (2) the posting of the audio recordings of the public parts of Council meetings on the Council's website; and**
- (3) consider the inclusion of audio/visual recording equipment in all Council chambers/committee rooms at the design stage of the new HQ.**