

Rule 31: Cameras/TV Cameras/Recording at Council

31.1 Subject to prior approval, which shall be at the absolute discretion of the Mayor or the person presiding at the meeting, one or more accredited representatives of newspapers* within the meaning of the Local Government Act 1972 or any other person may be permitted to film, video or photograph the proceedings at Council meetings except for that part of the meeting where the public are excluded pursuant to a resolution passed in accordance with Section 100A(2) or (4) of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended

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[*representatives of news agencies, radio and television organisations etc. are included within the definition of newspaper representative].

31.2 Any person attending a meeting of the Council or of a Committee or Sub-Committee may use a mobile communications device and audio record and transmit council proceedings provide that:

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- (i) Any mobile communications device shall be kept in silent mode throughout the meeting.
- (ii) There should be no use of any voice facility to make calls, receive calls or check voice messages. Only text or non-voice uses can be made of mobile phones.
- (iii) The person presiding at the meeting may order that all mobile phones be switched off and any audio recording cease at anytime.
- (iv) There shall be no recording or transmission of council proceedings when exempt business is discussed or at meetings of the Licensing Committee Panels.

31.3 The recording of proceedings by authorised personnel for the purposes of web-casting shall be permitted, providing that the Mayor or person presiding at the meeting may withdraw such authorisation if he/she considers it is not conducive to the efficient despatch of business.

