



LIVE STREAMING TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

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The purpose of this paper is to ask Members to consider a proposal for the live streaming of Town Council meetings in the new year.

No. DETAILS

1) BACKGROUND

- a) The Town Council has a firm commitment to transparency about its work and disseminates information regularly through its web site, Twitter Account and the Town Clerk's weekly column in the South Wight Chronicle.
 - b) Residents are always informed of the date, time and location of the formal Town Council Meetings with an open invitation to attend.
 - c) Actual attendance has, however, been routinely low in recent years.
 - d) The *Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014* strengthened the government's determination to ensure that local councils at all levels should be fully transparent by extending the rights of members of the public to record proceedings to include filming their meetings and publishing of the records.
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2) LIVE STREAMING

- a) Our Green Room equipment and IT infrastructure provides the opportunity to live stream future Town Council meetings through a YouTube Channel.
 - b) Nick Cox has completed the necessary preparations to deliver that, including an unpublished trial run for Members to become familiar with the process.
 - c) As Members will be aware, the proceedings of the Isle of Wight Council are already live-streamed as are those of an increasing number of public bodies.
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3) RECOMMENDATION

Members are recommended to move to the live-streaming of Town Council meetings early in the new year.
