

## **Item 6 (b) – Recording and The Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014**

The attached report was considered by the Governance Committee, relevant minute extract below:

### Governance Committee – 18 September 2014 (Minute 13)

The Chief Officer Legal & Governance presented a report advising on the successful recording of Full Council on a trial basis and asking the Committee to consider and recommend to Council the roll out of recording all meetings of Full Council, Development Control and Licensing Hearings along with the draft protocol agreed at Council on 1 April 2014.

The report also advised that following the implementation of The Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014 the public were now allowed to report all meetings via social media of any kind such as tweeting, blogging or via Facebook including the filming of meetings. The Regulations also required the Council to make publicly available a ‘decision record’ of certain decisions which officers had taken on behalf of the council.

It was noted that the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014 also applied to Town and Parish Council’s and Members were concerned as to their awareness of this.

*Action 2: The Chief Officer Legal & Governance to circulate a link to the report bringing the Town and Parish Council’s attention to the new regulations.*

Resolved: That it be recommended to Council that

- a) following Full Council being successfully recorded on a trial basis all meetings of Full Council, Development Control Committee and Licensing Hearings be recorded from now on;
- b) Officers be given discretion to record such other public meetings of the Council, the Cabinet and their committees, sub-committees or joint committees as they see fit; and
- c) following the implementation of The Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014, the amendments to the Constitution together with a Protocol on Reporting on Meetings as set out at Appendix B to the report, be approved.