

Item 7 (b) – Protocol on Webcasting & Electronic Voting

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

Governance Committee (11 July 2024, Minute 7)

The Head of Legal and Democratic Services presented the report on Protocol on Webcasting and Electronic voting which provided an update on the electronic voting system and webcasting system together with email and verbal feedback received from Members. The report sought members confirmation of the Protocol and any further instructions as required.

Members discussed the feedback received from the electronic voting system and the comments made therein with members attention brought to the clarification of a recorded vote within the report. It was considered whether an electronic vote was required on simple votes, such as the Minutes. Further discussion took place on whether electronic voting impacted discussion and it was considered that it did not have a negative impact. Further discussion took place on webcasting of meetings.

The Chairman used her discretion and allowed a visiting Members to address the Committee, who expressed her thanks to Officers for the work put in to making the electronic voting system practicable.

Resolved: That it be recommend to Council that the Protocol on Webcasting and Electronic Voting be confirmed in line with the instructions of Members.