

REPORT OF THE
Chief Executive
PART I

233. AMENDMENT TO STANDING ORDERS

1. Provisions in respect of the recording etc of proceedings of the County Council, its Committees and Executive Meetings is currently set out at Standing Order 10, which states as follows:

“except with the permission of the Chairman, it is forbidden to make audio or visual records whilst a Meeting of the County Council is in progress and all mobile telephones shall be switched to silent mode”.

2. At the County Council Meeting on 24 November 2011 the Leader indicated that in the interests of transparency and to provide increased ease of access of the public to the business of the County Council, arrangements would be put in hand to explore the possibility of broadcasting live the proceedings of County Council Meetings on the County Council’s website. These enquiries have now been concluded, and it is therefore proposed that Standing Orders be amended to allow the future broadcasting of County Council and Cabinet Meetings, which will be shown live on the County Council’s website, or the recording of these meetings by the County Council.

234. CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION

1. Standing Order 10 will need to be revised in consequence in order to enable this to be done. The revised Standing Order 10 will read as follows:

“County Council and Cabinet Meetings may be broadcast live on the County Council’s website, or they may be recorded by the County Council. Except with the permission of the Chairman, Leader or relevant Executive Member, it is otherwise forbidden to make audio or visual records whilst a Meeting of the County Council, a meeting of Cabinet or other Executive Meeting is in progress and all mobile telephones shall be switched to silent mode.”

RECOMMENDATION

That the County Council:

- (a) Approve the revision to Standing Order 10 as set out at paragraph 234 of this Report.
- (b) That the Monitoring Officer be authorised to make the necessary change to Standing Orders.