

**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, record or transmit 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

[\*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 shall observe the Council's rule that mobile telephones must be switched off at all times during such meetings.

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.

