

# CEREDIGION COUNTY COUNCIL

**Report to:** Democratic Services Committee

**Date:** 28.02.2024

**Title:** Discussion Paper for live-streaming of additional committees

**Purpose of report:** To consider the discussion paper

## **Background**

Ceredigion County Council currently broadcasts the proceeding at all Council and Cabinet meetings. This exceeds the current requirements of the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021, which relates to principal Council meetings. These meetings are currently broadcasted via the Council's Facebook sites, which is extremely resource intensive as it required an ICT officer to attend all meetings remotely in order to facilitate the live-streaming to both the Ceredigion County Council Facebook site (which provides a broadcast with translation) and to the Cyngor Sir Ceredigion Facebook site (which provides a broadcast without translation).

In October 2023, ICT and Democratic Services Officers carried out tests to the live-streaming components of the hybrid meeting management system to ensure that it was able to meet the requirements for broadcasting before the system went live. The testing was successful, however it will require some further development by ICT to ensure that the sharing presentation functionality of the process works. Once this has been completed the Democratic Services Officers will be able to manage the broadcasting without additional support from ICT Officers. This in turn will provide an opportunity to increase the number of committee meetings that are broadcasted live and available for a specified period after the meeting, without the need for ICT Officers to be present.

During its meeting dated 20 September 2023, Members of the Democratic Services Committee requested that consideration as to the live-streaming of additional committees was included on the forward work programme. This paper has been drafted to promote discussion by Members of the Democratic Services Committee as to the priority and schedule for extending this provision in a phased approach.

Feedback received from other Local Authorities in Wales recommend that the Monitoring Officer or his/her Deputy are present in all meetings being broadcasted. Consideration has therefore been given to the capacity of the Monitoring Officer and Deputy to attend meetings and the recommendations reflect this.

## **Recommended schedule for additional broadcasting**

Council	Broadcasting provision already in place
Cabinet	Broadcasting provision already in place

Development Management Committee To commence broadcasting from May 2024

**Recommendations:**

For Members of the Democratic Services Committee to consider, and to make recommendations to the Council regarding extending the broadcasting to include additional committee meetings.

**Appendices:**

**Background documents:**

Statutory and Non Statutory Guidance for Principal Council in Wales

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