

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

Presentation to The Policy and Resources Scrutiny Panel

Date: 3 March 2022

Report of: Deputy Chief Executive Officer

Subject: MOTION ON LIVE STREAMING OF MEETINGS

SUMMARY

Following the motion made to Council on 21 October 2021 by Councillor Forrest which requested that:

“This Council endorse the policies set out in the LGA publication Improving Digital Citizenship: a practical guide for councillors which encourages councillors to avoid ‘the spread of unverified rumours, misinformation and disinformation’, as well as acknowledging that a key factor in limiting misinformation is to make accurate information as widely available as possible, by encouraging public engagement in its business, and providing easy access to the fullest possible record of its meetings;

That the Council notes that the live streaming of meetings during the Covid lockdown was a step forward in improving access to meetings and provided a fuller record of debate than is possible through the Council’s minutes; and

That the Council resolves to resume live streaming of meetings of the Council, Scrutiny Panels and main committees as soon as possible, taking advantage of the current review of Ways of Working to do so as cost-effectively as possible.”

Members will be invited to consider a presentation and take part in a discussion lead by the Head of Democratic Services on the above motion.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Members consider the contents of the presentation and make any comments or raise any questions for clarification.