

Council Meeting to be held on Monday 23 January 2023

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Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor S. Hartigan

I will move at the next Meeting that all Public Meetings of Limerick City and County Council are video recorded, to provide an accurate record of Meetings and that these recordings are publicly available.

Reply:

Section 14 of Schedule 10 of the Local Government Act outlines that the Minutes of the proceedings of a Meeting of the Council shall be drawn up by the Meetings Administrator and shall include:

- the date, place and time of the Meeting;
- the names of the members present at the Meeting;
- the names of the senior employees of the Local Authority present at the Meeting;
- reference to any report submitted to the Members at the Meeting;
- where there is a roll call vote, the number and names of Members voting for and against the Motion and of those abstaining;
- particulars of all Resolutions passed at the Meeting and such other matters considered appropriate.

This provision is included in the Standing Orders of the Meeting. The written Minutes of the Meeting form the record, are publicly available and are intended to capture the information as set out in the legislation.

With regard to the video recording of Meetings, this topic is currently being considered by a Working Group of the Corporate Committee of the Local Government Management Agency (LGMA). The Data Protection Officer Network is also considering the options. In light of the processing of personal data involved, there are a number of factors to be considered including the legal basis for the recording, as well as compliance with principles such as data minimisation, transparency, purpose limitation and storage limitation. Processing personal data in this manner would have to demonstrate that the processing is necessary, proportionate and justified. The Committee will take a risk-based approach and arrange for a Data Protection Impact Assessment to be carried out which will be available to each local authority for consideration.

Laura Flannery

Head of Corporate Services, Governance and Customer Services

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