



Report to Overview & Scrutiny Management Committee 28th January 2015

Report of: Policy and Improvement Officer

Subject: Written responses to public questions

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Summary:

This report provides the Committee with copies of written responses to public questions asked at the Committee's meeting on 26th November 2014.

The written responses are included as part of the Committee's meeting papers as the way of placing the responses on the public record.

Type of item: The report author should tick the appropriate box

Reviewing of existing policy	
Informing the development of new policy	
Statutory consultation	
Performance / budget monitoring report	
Cabinet request for scrutiny	
Full Council request for scrutiny	
Community Assembly request for scrutiny	
Call-in of Cabinet decision	
Briefing paper for the Scrutiny Committee	
Other	X

The Scrutiny Committee is being asked to:

Note the report

Background Papers: None

Category of Report: OPEN

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Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee 26th November 2014

Written response to public question from Mr Alan Kewley

Question 1

Public Question in respect of Webcasting

Mr Alan Kewley asked whether the City Council was considering introducing webcasting in terms of its public meetings, as being operated by Rotherham MBC.

The Chair stated that, whilst there had been a number of changes in connection with increasing public involvement at meetings, such as members of the public being entitled to carry out recordings of meetings, a response would be provided in terms of the issue of webcasting at the earliest possible opportunity.

Written response

Further to your question at the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee last week re webcasting meetings

This question was asked at Cabinet back in April, and the response given then was - *In relation to webcasting, this had been looked at in the past and proven to be expensive and technically difficult. It was, however, kept under review and had been discussed at a recent meeting of the Corporate Members' Group.*

I have followed it up with our Democratic Services team, and they have informed me that web-casting and audio recording will continue to be kept under review. There may be opportunities to look at webcasting in the future as part of replacing the microphone and voting system in the Council Chamber, which is showing signs of deterioration due to its age.

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