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Thank you for your letter of 7 July.

My understanding of the case at Carmarthenshire Council is that it involved surreptitious filming by a member of the public, which had not been agreed to by the Council and of which members were not aware. My view is that councillors, nor anyone else, should be filmed without being aware or having given consent for this to happen.

Welsh Government policy is to support local authorities trying to engage with the public and a number of provisions within the Local Government Measure 2011 are designed to encourage this, however it is a matter for individual local authorities to decide what methods and resources should be employed to make their meetings more accessible.

Whilst I have not issued any advice or guidance on this matter. I encourage all local authorities to make the maximum effort to enable the public to engage with their proceedings and you and your constituent will no doubt be pleased to hear that Carmarthenshire Council are considering the webcasting of their meetings. This is a welcome development and I hope other local authorities will consider doing the same.

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