

Live streaming of Council meetings

Council meetings will be streamed live to the public via the internet as a means of enhancing transparency and public decision making.

Three possible options were identified for live streaming in Council meetings, with Council adopting Option 2 – Split Screen (tripod floor mounted cameras) at its meeting this week.

At a cost of \$2,500, Acting Director of Corporate and Community Services, Vanessa Adams, said Option 2 could be set up in-house with some use of existing resources and could be implemented within two months.

“Option two will feature a single tripod set-up providing a three or four tile split screen view showing various angles on the debate including what is being projected on to the AV screen,” Mrs Adams explained.

“This solution enables the viewer to see the output of three cameras tiled into one screen with a fourth tile able to view the Council Agenda or the optional remote controlled camera to focus on the speaker as required.”

The feed has a built-in safety delay of 90 seconds, which can be adjusted, and recordings will be made available on the web via Council's existing YouTube channel at no extra cost.

“It will be important to manage live streaming in a way that is respectful to all participants, as well as taking account of confidentiality requirements where appropriate,” Mrs Adams said.

To support the operation of live-streamed meetings small amendments to the Local Law will provide for recordings to be paused, stopped and re-started as required.

A Live Streaming Policy will be prepared. This will include provision for speakers making public presentations at Council Meetings to consent or decline to be recorded should they prefer.

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