

## **NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY COUNCIL**

### **PROTOCOL FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO REPORT ON MEETINGS OF NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY COUNCIL**

Northumberland County Council is committed to the principles of openness and transparency in the way it conducts its meetings.

Members of the public are entitled to report on meetings of Full Council, Committees and Policy Board, except in circumstances where the public have been excluded as permitted by law.

Reporting means:

- filming, photographing or making an audio recording of the proceedings of the meeting
- using any other means for enabling persons not present to see or hear proceedings at a meeting in progress or later.

Nobody present at a meeting is permitted to carry out an oral commentary or report. This is to prevent the business of the meeting being disrupted.

The following will be displayed inside the Council Chamber/Meeting Room:

‘Please note that this meeting may be filmed or an audio recording made for live or subsequent broadcast by either the Authority or members of the public/press in attendance.

Generally the public seating areas are not to be filmed/recorded. However, by entering the meeting room and using the public seating area, you are consenting to your being filmed or your voice recorded and to the possible use of those images and sound recordings for live or subsequent broadcast.

If you have any enquiries regarding this please approach the Legal Services Manager, or his representative in attendance, prior to the start of the meeting’.

Anyone wishing to attend and report on a meeting must notify Democratic Services (e-mail [jackie.roll@northumberland.gov.uk](mailto:jackie.roll@northumberland.gov.uk)). This is to enable the Authority’s Officers to guide anyone choosing to report on proceedings to an appropriate place from which to be able to report effectively and to otherwise minimise the disruption that may be caused to the meeting by those seeking to report