

Filming Meetings

Anyone intending to film or record a meeting of the county council should notify Democratic Services in advance of the meeting by emailing democratic.services@lancashire.gov.uk.

All recording must be overt. At the beginning of any meeting, the Chair will ask anyone intending to record or report on a meeting to make the fact known to the meeting.

Unless specific permission is given by the county council's Monitoring Officer in advance of the meeting, filming or photography must be from a fixed spot and should aim to focus on the speaker.

Any member of the public in attendance who has indicated that they do not wish to be filmed or photographed must not be. In no circumstances should any children in attendance at a meeting be filmed or photographed. However, any county councillors, co-opted members, speakers or council officers who are members of, or speaking at, the committee may be filmed.

The county council does request that any video recordings or photographs made during a meeting are not subsequently edited in a way that would misrepresent the views of a speaker or the general proceedings.

All recording activity must also be done in such a way that does not disrupt or interfere with the running of the meeting or with the ability of other observers to view or record the proceedings. For that reason, large or distracting equipment (such as lighting rigs, flash photography, floor standing cameras) would generally not be allowed without the express permission of the Monitoring Officer.

Anyone recording or attending a meeting is not permitted to provide an oral commentary from within the room.

If you have any queries regarding the recording of meetings by the public, please contact Democratic Services by emailing democratic.services@lancashire.gov.uk.