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QUESTIONS AT ANY TIME TO CABINET PORTFOLIO HOLDERS

Response by the Cabinet Member:

Thank you for your question at any time and for the opportunity it has given me to correct your misunderstanding of the position.

When I was asked about the budget to allow all of the Council's Committees to be streamed live, I was correct in saying that the Budget proposed by the previous administration and approved by full Council, including your good self, did not allow for the live webcasting of all committees.

Since the start of the pandemic, the Council was able to live stream committee meetings using Teams Live at no cost to the Council, but without the facility for simultaneous translation into the Welsh language. The need to reintroduce a Welsh translation facility and the need to introduce hybrid meetings for the AGM to accommodate members who want to attend meetings in person and those who wish to participate remotely, resulted in officers taking the decision to use Zoom and to pay a third party provider to allow hybrid meetings to be streamed live. You will be aware that this Administration was not formed until after the AGM on 26th May 2022.

The budget set by the previous administration does not provide for all hybrid committee meetings to be streamed live. I can confirm that there will continue to be live broadcasting of all meetings that were so broadcast pre-covid (ie Council and Cabinet) as that is precisely what the Council is doing. All meetings using Zoom are recorded and uploaded onto the web, usually within hours of the meeting ending and at worst within 24 hours.

I can re-assure you and other members that this Administration is taking, and will continue to take, all strategic decisions in consultation with advice received from officers.