



Belfast City Council

Report to:	Strategic Policy and Resources Committee
Subject:	Request to film a Council meeting
Date:	25th April, 2014
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1	Relevant Background Information
1.1	A request has been received from Pi Communications, which is the Northern Ireland Assembly Broadcasting Unit, seeking authority to access the Council Chamber floor to film a portion (15 minutes) of footage of the Council meeting on 1st May, 2014.

2	Key Issues
2.1	The purpose of the filming is to gather high definition footage of a Council meeting in session, which might be used in an educational video that Pi Communications is making which is entitled "the Importance of Voting". It is intended that the footage will be available in time for the Council and European Elections in May.
2.2	The organisation has a script currently which explains the work of Councils but they have no high definition footage of Council business to use within that.

3	Resource Implications
3.1	None.

4	Equality and Good Relations Implications
4.1	There are no equality or good relations implications identified.

5	Recommendations
5.1	That the Committee agrees to the filming of a portion (15 minutes) at the beginning of the Council meeting on 1st May, subject to the approval of the Council on that evening.

6	Decision Tracking
Facilities Management Section to liaise with Pi Communications with regard to logistical arrangements.	

7	Key to Abbreviations
None	

8	Documents Attached
None	