

Webcasting by Welsh Local Authorities

Neath Port Talbot – Currently do not webcast							
Newport	✓	No	No	✓	No	No	Public-I
Pembrokeshire	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Public-I
Powys	✓	✓	No	No	No	No	Public-I
Rhondda Cynon Taf - Currently do not webcast							
Swansea – Currently do not webcast							
Torfaen	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Public-I
Vale of Glamorgan	✓	No	No	✓	No	No	You Tube
Wrexham	✓	✓	✓	✓	No	No	Public-I

Current Webcasting Arrangements

Bridgend County Borough Council procured a webcasting service for 2017/18 that combined the existing electronic facilities within the Council Chamber and available broadband technology to webcast Council, Cabinet and Committee meetings. The service arrangements included live streaming, recording and publication of webcast meetings with links to the Bridgend CBC internet website. The service arrangements also enabled for webcast recordings to remain available/accessible to the public for a period of up to 12 months.

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The service was re-procured for 2018/19 and the same provider was successful. As part of the renewal process for the tender Dual Language webcasting facilities were procured.

The 2018/19 contract provides for up to 30 hours of Council, Cabinet and Committee meetings to be webcast by 31st March 2019. There is also an arrangement to extend the time period by a further 6 months in the event that the full 30 hour allocation of webcasting hours has not been used up. The webcasting of meetings under the 2018/19 contract started in late August 2018.

The Democratic Services Team is working with the Communications Team to publicise the meetings to be webcast on the Council's Twitter and Facebook pages as a method of engaging with the public as well as looking for other ways of heightening interest. The Democratic Services Team is exploring with the Communications Team and the Council's Webcasting and Committee Management system providers on creating additional links on the Council's website to increase the visibility of webcasting.