

Public attendance at Council, Executive and Committee meetings

Members of the public are welcome to attend the public parts of meetings of the Council, Executive and Committees. Sometimes certain information must be discussed in private and the public will be asked to leave for these parts of the meeting. The agenda will indicate which parts of the meeting are public and which parts are private.

Seating is available in the Council Chamber for the public who are welcome to sit in and listen to the proceedings. The available seating is limited so entry cannot always be guaranteed where there is a significant public interest in a particular meeting.

When attending a meeting, members of the public are expected to be respectful of the conduct of business and they must not behave improperly, be offensive or interrupt the business of the meeting. If they do, the Chair may order that they be removed and excluded from the meeting.

Mobile phones must be switched off or turned to silent mode. If it is intended to film/record the meeting from a mobile phone, please see the 'Filming or recording at public meetings' section of the Constitution. No banners are allowed within the Council Chamber or any meeting rooms.



Public participation

Members of the public may observe but may not participate in meetings of the Council, Executive or Committees save for the submission of questions or petitions to full Council meetings, public speaking time at Planning Committee or when invited to contribute to investigations by Scrutiny Committees. More details can be found in our Constitution within Part 4 – Procedure Rules. No public participation is allowed in Executive meetings.



Filming or recording at public meetings

Public Council meetings may be filmed, recorded or photographed but the following principles must be followed:

- Any filming, recording or photography must take place from the allocated position within the meeting room to ensure the view of members, officers, and the rest of the public is not obstructed.
- The direction of the filming or photography should be directed towards the Committee and away from the public galley.
- If a mobile phone is being used to record or film, please ensure it is on silent.
- If the filming, recording or photography is disrupting the meeting, the Chair may require the operator to stop or comply with other requests, such as to relocate or otherwise alter their behaviour.



Virtual meetings

Regulations made under the Coronavirus Act 2020 have stipulated that if a Council holds remote virtual meetings, then any meetings that were open to public attendance before the Coronavirus pandemic must be streamed live to ensure the public can still observe them. As a result, all of our public meetings will be streamed live on our YouTube channel until the end of the regulations on 7 May 2021. The YouTube channel can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/user/BolsoverDC>

If you wish to ask a question at Council or speak on a planning application, this shall proceed as before, but instead of attending the meeting in person, details will be provided on how you will be able to take part in the virtual meeting and speak or ask the question. Submissions to the Solicitor to the Council & Monitoring Officer can be sent via e-mail to sarah.sternberg@bolsover.gov.uk

For Scrutiny Committees, contact the Governance Manager for more information about virtual meeting public participation via e-mail at nicola.calver@ne-derbyshire.gov.uk



Any Questions?

If you have any queries regarding public attendance at meetings of the Council, please contact the Governance Manager via e-mail at nicola.calver@ne-derbyshire.gov.uk or via phone on **01246 217753**.



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