## **SEMER PARISH COUNCIL**

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## STATEMENT FOR THE REPORTING AT MEETINGS OF SEMER PARISH COUNCIL

In the interests of openness and transparency, councillors and members of the public are reminded that the law permits any person to film, record, photograph or use social media in order to report on the proceedings of a meeting of the Council or its committees when they are open to the public.

This does not extend to live verbal commentary.

Filming and photography will only be permitted from the area designated. No flash photography or additional lighting should be used without prior consent.

Anyone wishing to report on the meeting is advised to notify the Clerk or Chair of the meeting so that they can be afforded reasonable facilities.

People under the age of 18 or other members of the public not wishing to be filmed or photographed should notify the Clerk or Chairman and should sit in the area designated for this purpose.

However, members of the public cannot insist on privacy and anonymity if they sit in the separate area.

Improper conduct or any disruptive behaviour could result in expulsion from the meeting.