

Item 5 C – Access to Viewmount for K&M Area Committee Meetings

I am aware of concerns raised through the Stonehaven and District Community Council about public 'in person' access to the Kincardine and Mearns area committee.

As you may be aware from information I have recently supplied to the community council, we do facilitate public access – but accept that current arrangements sometimes mean that there can be a short delay in access if members of the public arrive outwith of the start time.

Having listened to concerns about this issue, we will be trialling different arrangement for the next two K & M Committees on March 4 and March 25 which will involve the public being able to access and egress the committee at any time (other than for any confidential items) albeit they will still be required to 'sign in' prior to going through to the committee. We will evaluate how this trial has gone during the Easter Recess and consider whether it can then be implemented on a full time basis for future committees.

I hope that is helpful.

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