

For the financial years 2013/14, 2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17 and 2017/18 could you please provide me with:

- 1) The number of council executive, committee and sub-committee meetings held in private

Answer – we run a committee system rather than cabinet and scrutiny. No committee or sub-committee meetings are held wholly in private, all committee meetings begin in public. If a report or part of a report has been determined as exempt there will be an item on the agenda to exclude the press and public, which the committee have to agree. Wherever possible there would be a public report, with an exempt appendix to enable as much as possible to be discussed in public. All agendas and minutes are published on our website - <http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/dms/Committees.aspx>

For example -

<http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/dms/Meetings/tabid/70/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/397/Meeting/3970/Committee/514/Default.aspx> press and public excluded as item 9, item 10 is an exempt appendix to item 8 earlier on the agenda. The minutes which are published with the following agenda (June meeting) show that the resolution to exclude the press and public was agreed and so they were excluded for agenda item 10 only.

- 2) The number off successful applications to Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to hold a meeting of the council executive, a committee or sub-committee in private without providing 28 days' notice

Answer – Our only OSC is the Health Scrutiny Committee which solely deals with matters set out within the Health and Social Care Act 2001 in relation to local NHS bodies. There have been no applications made.

- 3) The number of times journalists or members of the public have been asked to leave council executive, committee and sub-committee meetings

Answer – Please see answer 1. We do not record whether press or public are in attendance at the meeting, with the decision by the committee to exclude them being taken whether anyone is present or not. So we cannot provide figures on how many times journalists or public were present at the meeting and asked to leave.