



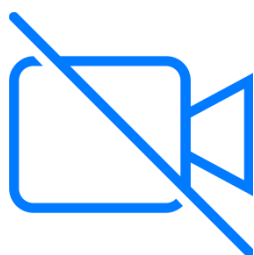
**SUBJECT:** Conversation Killer – The Sequel

**RECIPIENTS:** All Council Services (including schools)

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A councillor has come under fire after appearing to drive a lorry while also attending a video conferencing meeting on his mobile phone.



The individual was taking part in his council cabinet meeting via a popular video conferencing app. Footage posted on the authority's YouTube channel appeared to show him driving while looking at a device and adjusting it on several occasions. The individual appeared to drive for at least 20 minutes as the meeting took place, and to also take part in a vote while driving.

A spokesperson for the council in question said: "This is being investigated through the correct channels and dealt with accordingly." Police have confirmed they are investigating reports of a man driving while using a device.

### The law

It is illegal in the UK to hold a phone or a sat nav whilst driving, or riding a motorcycle. You must stay in full control of your vehicles at all times. Police can stop you if they think you're not in control because you're distracted, and you can be prosecuted. The law still applies if you're stopped at traffic lights, queuing in traffic or supervising a learner driver.

LCC's Mobile Phone policy and Employee Quick Card, including Do's and Don'ts, can be accessed via the link below:

[G32 Mobile Phones](#)

If you require further assistance or clarification on the subject, please contact the Corporate Health & Safety Team at [corporatehealthandsafety@lincolnshire.gov.uk](mailto:corporatehealthandsafety@lincolnshire.gov.uk).