CUSTOMER CASE STUDY

ASHFIELD DISTRICT COUNCIL

Ashfield District Council comprises the former Urban Districts of Hucknall, Kirkby-in- Ashfield and Sutton-in-Ashfield, together with the parishes of Annesley, Felley and Selston, which were part of the Basford Rural District. The council covers 42.3 sq mi providing services to 119,500 people and has 42 elected councillors.

THE REQUIREMENT

The Council required a new microphone conferencing system to be installed inside their multi-purpose room. The system needed to be secure, reliable, cost affective and flex-able for their meeting. The new equipment needed to allow for electronic voting, ID attendance, secure Hard of Hearing as well as push to talk microphone and loud speaker system.

Because the room is used not only for full council meetings but for weddings, ceremonious and other formal events. The system needed to be flexable, yet still give the look and feel of a permanent council chamber.

THE SOLUTION

Auditel's IDN Digital Discussion System met all of the councils needs by having up to 5 button voting, ID card system for attendance records, inbuilt loudspeaker and microphone with ring illuminant, as well as the headphone jack for the hard of hearing.

As the only UK manufacture, we were able to design and build a bespoke unit which could have the microphone removed and the cover plate protect the unit for when the room changes its uses.

The IDN system is a hard wired system which offers maximum security, reliability and best value for public money with the ability of webcasting at a later stage. When the desks are positioned for full council, the fixed cabling is connected quickly, securely and with ease under the desks, with the last desk on the row terminating into a floor box.

A short throw projector was installed to display the voting results as well as our own infra-red Hard of Hearing panels and receivers.

Initial Use Case

- New microphone conferencing system
- Electronic voting, ID attendance, secure Hard of Hearing , push to talk microphone and loud speaker system

Installation

- IDN Digital Discussion System
- ID card system
- Headphone jack

Deployment

- Posts were designed to fit into the seat arms of the chairs

- Short throw projector installed