
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2020 No. 392

**The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels
(Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and
Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020**

PART 1

General

Citation, commencement, extent, and application

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 and come into force on 4th April 2020.

2.—(1) These Regulations extend to England and Wales.

(2) Parts 1 and 4 of these Regulations apply to England and Wales.

(3) Parts 2 and 3 of these Regulations apply to England only.

(4) These Regulations apply to local authority meetings and police and crime panel meetings that are required to be held, or held, before 7th May 2021.

Interpretation

3. In these Regulations—

“the 1972 Act” means the Local Government Act 1972(1);

“local authority” means—

(a) a county council;

(b) a district council;

(c) a London borough council;

(d) the Common Council of the City of London;

(e) the Greater London Authority;

(f) the Council of the Isles of Scilly;

(g) a parish council;

(h) a joint board continued in being by virtue of section 263(1) of the 1972 Act;

(i) a port health authority constituted under section 2 of the Public Health (Control of Disease) Act 1984(2);

(1) 1972 c. 70.

(2) 1984 c. 22.

- (j) an authority established under section 10 of the Local Government Act 1985⁽³⁾;
- (k) a joint authority established under Part 4 of the Local Government Act 1985;
- (l) a joint committee constituted to be a local planning authority under section 29 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004⁽⁴⁾;
- (m) a combined authority established under section 103 of the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009⁽⁵⁾;
- (n) a fire and rescue authority constituted by a scheme under section 2 of the Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004⁽⁶⁾ or a scheme to which section 4 of that Act applies, or created by an order under section 4A of that Act;
- (o) a National Park authority established under section 63 of the Environment Act 1995⁽⁷⁾;
- (p) the Broads Authority established by section 1 of the Norfolk and Suffolk Broads Act 1988⁽⁸⁾; and
- (q) a conservation board established under section 86 of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000⁽⁹⁾;

“local authority meeting” means a meeting of—

- (a) a local authority;
- (b) an executive of a local authority (within the meaning of Part 1A of the Local Government Act 2000)⁽¹⁰⁾;
- (c) a joint committee of two or more authorities;
- (d) a committee or sub-committee of anything within paragraphs (a) to (c);

“remote access” is to be construed in accordance with regulation 5(6)(c);

“remote attendance” is to be construed in accordance with regulation 5(2) and (3).

⁽³⁾ 1985 c. 51. There are amendments to section 10 which are not relevant to this regulation.

⁽⁴⁾ 2004 c. 5.

⁽⁵⁾ 2009 c. 20. Section 103 was amended by sections 12 and 14 of the Cities and Local Government Devolution Act 2016 (c. 1).

⁽⁶⁾ 2004 c. 21. Sections 2 and 4 were moved under a new heading entitled “Combined fire and rescue authorities” by section 6 of and paragraph 4 of Schedule 1 to the Policing and Crime Act 2017 (c. 3). Section 4A was inserted by section 6 of and paragraph 5 of Schedule 1 to the Policing and Crime Act 2017.

⁽⁷⁾ 1995 c. 25.

⁽⁸⁾ 1988 c. 4. Section 1 was amended by S.I. 2005/1067.

⁽⁹⁾ 2000 c. 37. Section 86 was amended by section 118 of and paragraph 23 of Schedule 7 to the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 and by S.I. 2005/2847 and S.I. 2013/755.

⁽¹⁰⁾ 2000 c. 22. Part 1A was inserted by section 21 of, and Schedule 2 to, the Localism Act 2011 (c. 20).