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

<i>Made</i> - - - -	<i>27th July 2020</i>
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<i>Coming into force</i> - -	<i>1st August 2020</i>

The Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 78 of the Coronavirus Act 2020(a), makes the following Regulations.

Citation and commencement

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) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 and come into force on 1st August 2020.

Amendments to the Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020

2.—(1) The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020(b) are amended as set out in the following paragraphs.

(2) In regulation 3 (interpretation), in the definition of “local authority”, after paragraph (q) insert—

- “(r) a Mayoral development corporation established under section 198 of the Localism Act 2011(c);
- (s) an urban development corporation established under section 135 of the Local Government, Planning and Land Act 1980(d);

(a) 2020 c. 7. Section 78 was amended by section 22 of the Business and Planning Act 2020 (c. 16).
(b) S.I. 2020/392.
(c) 2011 c. 20.
(d) 1980 c. 65. Section 135 was amended by section 179 of the Leasehold Reform, Housing and Urban Development Act 1993 (c. 28) and by section 167 of the Local Government, Planning and Land Act 1980 (c. 22).

- (t) a parish meeting constituted under section 13 of the Local Government Act 1972^(a);
 - (u) Transport for London^(b)”.
- (3) In regulation 6 (frequency of local authority meetings), for paragraph (c) substitute—
“(c) paragraphs 1, 7, 10(2)(a), 14(1), (3) and (4) and 15(2) to (4) are disapplied;”.
- (4) In regulation 13 (public and press access), for paragraph (a), substitute—
“(a) subsection (4)(a) is to be read as if—
- (i) after “public notice of the time and place of the meeting”, there were inserted “and details of remote access by public and press to that meeting by electronic means, including by telephone conference, video conference, live webcasts, and live interactive streaming”;
 - (ii) after “(or, if the body has no offices, then in some central and conspicuous place in the area with which it is concerned)” there were inserted “or publishing on the website of the body or, for a parish council or for a parish meeting, on the website of the principal council within the meaning of the Local Government Act 1972”;

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government

Simon Clarke
Minister of State

27th July 2020

Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the provision made by the Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 (“the 2020 Regulations”) for the conduct of local authority meetings held before 7th May 2021, and for public and press access to these meetings.

Regulation 2 firstly amends the definition of “local authority” in the 2020 Regulations to include Mayoral Development Corporations, Transport for London, Urban Development Corporations and parish meetings, to enable these bodies to hold and alter the frequency and occurrence of meetings without requirement for further notice and to provide for members of these bodies to attend meetings remotely. Secondly, it modifies legislation relating to public and press access to information about decisions made by local authorities. The modifications made will enable access through remote means. Thirdly, regulation 2 disapplies provisions requiring a parish meeting to hold an annual meeting and modifies provisions requiring a parish meeting to give public notice of meetings.

A full regulatory impact assessment has not been prepared as this instrument will have no impact on the costs of business and the voluntary sector.

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(a) 1972 c. 70. Section 13 was amended by section 75 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 (c. 28).

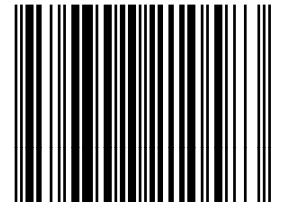
(b) Transport for London was established by section 154 of the Greater London Authority Act 1999 (c. 29).

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