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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**

2020 No. 808

The Secretary of State has issued the above revised regulations relating to the extension of the remote meeting provision to certain authorities – namely Mayoral Development Corporations, Transport for London, Urban Development Corporations and parish meetings. These Regulations:

- extend the definition of ‘local authority’ under the Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 to those bodies
- remove the existing requirements on them to hold annual meetings and
- allow their meetings to be held remotely using video or telephone conferencing or by other remote means.

These bodies were not included in the definition of ‘local authority’ under section 78 of the Coronavirus Act 2020 and subsequent secondary legislation.

See attached link <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2020/808/note/made>

The above regulations come into force on 1 August 2020. The Government states that “the measures will help these bodies redeploy their resources to deal with the pandemic and ensure essential business continues, whilst upholding democratic principles and protecting the health and safety of members, officers and the public in line with official public health guidance. It is clearly vital that this change is achieved as soon as possible”.

The Regulations are time limited and apply in relation only to meetings taking place before 7 May 2021. It will be possible to make amending secondary legislation to bring forward this date if social distancing rules are relaxed or removed on the basis of medical and scientific advice.

The new provisions will need to comply with current Health Protection regulations with regard to remote meetings.

Useful Links

[The Health Protection \(Coronavirus Restrictions\) \(No.2\) \(England\) Regulations 2020](#)

[The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels \(Coronavirus\) \(Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings\) \(England and Wales\) Regulations 2020](#)

[LGA Guidance on Hybrid Meetings](#)

[ADSO/LLG Guidance on The Health Protection \(Coronavirus Restrictions\) \(No.2\) \(England\) Regulations 2020](#)

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