

Staffordshire Police, Fire and Crime Panel

13 July 2020

Temporary Amendments to Panel's Procedural Rules due to COVID 19

Report of the Secretary

Purpose of the Report

1. To report on temporary changes to the Panels' Procedural Rules in order to reflect the provisions for meetings and access to information during the COVID 19 emergency – as provided for in 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 'Coronavirus Regulations').

Recommendations

2. Members approve the temporary amendments to the Panels Procedural Rules as set out in Appendix 1 to this report.

Background

3. The Coronavirus Regulations are effective from 4 April 2020 to 7 May 2021 and provide for virtual meetings to be held by local authorities and by Police, (Fire) and Crime Panels. Various clauses in the Regulations amend the definition of:

- Meetings
- Members' attendance
- Voting
- Public and Press Access to meetings and documentation.

Appendix 1 to this report details the temporary changes required to the Panel's Procedural Rules. The original Procedural Rules are shown at Appendix 2.

Elected members serving on this Panel will be familiar with the provisions from their application to their own Authority's meetings.

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