

REPORT OF THE

Cabinet

PART I

**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 - Amendment to Standing Orders and Executive Procedures**

- 1.1. On 15 May 2020, Cabinet considered a report outlining the provisions of 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 Regulations'), and how the provisions of the Regulations might be applied to the County Council's business, including deputations at remote Meetings. It was proposed in the report that the deputation rules be amended to make it clear that where a Meeting of the County Council, Cabinet, Committees and Standing Panels is held remotely in accordance with the provisions of the Regulations, that deputations will also be received remotely.
- 1.2. In addition Cabinet considered a proposal outlined in the report that the principles of the Regulations should also be applied to Individual Executive Member Decision Days, so as to enable Individual Executive Member Decision Days ordinarily be held in public, to be held remotely for the duration of the Regulations. It was also proposed that the provisions outlined above in respect of deputations at remote Meetings, should also apply to Individual Executive Member Decision Days held remotely.
- 1.3. Cabinet were in support of the proposals, and resolved to recommend to the County Council that Standing Orders and Executive Procedures be amended accordingly.

The full report to Cabinet can be found at the following link:

- [2015-05-15 - Cabinet Report - The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels \(Coronavirus\) \(Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings\) \(England and Wales\) Regulations 2020 - Amendment to Standing Orders and Executive Procedures](#)

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

That the County Council:

- a) Agrees that for clarity the deputation rules be amended so as to allow deputations to be received remotely at remote Meetings of the County Council, Cabinet, Committees, Standing Panels and Individual Executive Member Decision Days for the duration of the Regulations.

- b) Agrees in light of the Coronavirus epidemic and its consequential impact on the holding of Individual Executive Member Decision Days, that the Constitution should be amended in order to allow Individual Executive Member Decision Days ordinarily held in public, to be held remotely for the duration of the Regulations.
- c) Agrees in consequence of a) and b) above that amendments as indicated at Annex One and Annex Two to this report be made to Standing Orders and Executive Procedures and Role of the Executive, contained respectively within Part 3, Chapter 1, and Part 3, Chapter 2 of the Constitution.