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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations are made under section 78 of the Coronavirus Act 2020. This is the first use of this enabling power in Northern Ireland. These Regulations make provision regarding the running of district council meetings by making amendments to the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 and The Local Government (Executive Arrangements) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015.

Regulation 1 sets out preliminary matters and defines terms used in these Regulations.

Regulation 2 makes amendments to the provisions governing the frequency of council meetings.

Regulations 3, 4 and 5 make provision for remote attendance at council meetings by members of the council and by the public.

Regulation 6 makes provision for remote access to council meetings by the public.

Regulations 7, 8 and 9 enable the council to publish certain information about council meetings on the council's website.

Regulation 10 amends the governance provisions of councils to ensure that "members present and voting on the decision" includes members in remote attendance.

Regulations 11 to 14 amend The Local Government (Executive Arrangements) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 to ensure the public may access council executive meetings remotely.

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Local Government (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of District Council Meetings) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2020.