
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2020 No. 392

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

PART 3

Modification of meeting and public access requirements

Public and press access

15. Part VA of the 1972 Act⁽¹⁾(access to meetings and documents of certain authorities, committees and sub-committees) applies as if, after section 100K (interpretation and application of Part VA) there were inserted—

“**100L.** Supplemental provision on public access to meetings and documents

In this Part references (however expressed) to—

- (a) a meeting being “open to the public” include access through remote means including (but not limited to) video conferencing, live webcast, and live interactive streaming and where a meeting is accessible to the public through such remote means the meeting is open to the public whether or not members of the public are able to attend the meeting in person;
- (b) being “present” at a meeting include access through remote means mentioned in paragraph (a) above;
- (c) a document being “open to inspection” includes being published on the website of the council;
- (d) the publication, posting or making available of a document at offices of the council include publication on the website of the council.”.

⁽¹⁾ Section 100K was amended by section 98 of the Local Government Act 2000, section 56 of and paragraph 16 of Schedule 8 to the Housing and Regeneration Act 2008 (c. 17) and by sections 222 and 231 of and paragraph 3 of Schedule 22 to the Localism Act 2011.