
WELSH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2020 No. 442

**The Local Authorities (Coronavirus)
(Meetings) (Wales) Regulations 2020**

PART 2

Remote attendance

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5.—(1) Section 4 of the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011⁽¹⁾ (remote attendance at principal council meetings) does not have effect in relation to a meeting held before 1 May 2021.

(2) A meeting of a local authority held before that date may be held by means of any equipment or other facility which enables persons who are not in the same place to speak to and be heard by each other (whether or not the equipment or facility also enables those persons to see each other).

(3) A reference in any enactment or other instrument to—

- (a) the attendance or presence of a person at a local authority meeting includes, in relation to a meeting which is held by the means described in paragraph (2), attendance by the use of those means;
- (b) the place at which a meeting of a local authority is held is not to be read as limited to a single physical location.

(4) Nothing in this regulation limits a local authority's powers to make standing orders, executive arrangements or other rules about meetings held by the means described in paragraph (2).

(5) A local authority must have regard to any guidance issued by the Welsh Ministers for the purposes of this regulation.

⁽¹⁾ (2011 [nawm 4](#). Section 4 was amended by section 59 of the Local Government (Democracy) (Wales) Act 2013 ([anaw 4](#)).