

COUNCIL

8th March 2021

AMENDMENT TO THE VIRTUAL MEETING PROCEDURES

Report of the Strategic Director for Resources

Strategic Aim:	All	
Exempt Information	No	
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DECISION RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council:

1. Approves the amendment to the Procedure Rules for Virtual Meetings to remove the requirement for Recorded Votes.

1 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To ask Council to agree to an amendment to the Procedure Rules for Virtual Meetings, as agreed at Council meeting on the 20th May 2020.

2 BACKGROUND AND MAIN CONSIDERATIONS

- 2.1 At the Council meeting on the 20th May 2020, Council approved the virtual meetings procedure rules following the introduction of revised legislation 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
- 2.2 In order for all meetings of the Council to be accessible and inclusive, specifically for those who were using telephone conferencing to listen to the meetings, it was considered a necessity for all votes to be recorded and minuted as such.

- 2.3 Previously, a recorded vote could only be demanded if five Members made the request before a vote was taken under the proposition. The names for and against each motion or amendment or abstention from a vote would be taken down in writing and entered into the minutes.
- 2.4 There is legal requirement for recorded votes to take place at Council meetings when setting the County Council's budget and determining the level of council tax to be levied for each financial year. (Unless that member is disqualified from voting)
- 2.5 Council is therefore being asked to amend the current procedure rules to remove the requirement for a recorded vote. A recorded vote will still be had where one is called for in accordance with the Constitution.

3 CONSULTATION

- 3.1 The amendments bring the Constitution back into line with the Procedure Rules as approved by CRWG.

4 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 4.1 Members could choose not to revert back to Procedure Rule 10 (4) in the Constitution.

5 FINANCIAL

- 5.1 There are no financial implications relating to this report.

6 LEGAL AND GOVERNANCE CONSIDERATIONS

- 6.1 There is a legal requirement to keep the RCC up to date in order for it to continue to be relevant and fit for purpose.

7 DATA PROTECTION IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 It is not necessary to undertake a Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA)

8 EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 8.1 It is not necessary for an Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA) to be completed.

9 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 There are no community safety implications relating to this report.

10 HEALTH AND WELLBEING IMPLICATIONS

- 10.1 There are no health and wellbeing implications relating to this report.

11 CONCLUSION AND SUMMARY OF REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

- 11.1 Council are being asked to approve an amendment to the Procedure Rule to remove the requirement for all votes to be recorded. All other procedure rules remain unchanged.

12 BACKGROUND PAPERS

12.1 There are no background papers associated with the report.

13 APPENDICES

13.1 There are none.

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