

Report to COUNCIL

Electronic Voting at Council

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1 Background

- 1.1 Meetings of the Council and committees have been able to be by remote attendance by reason 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.
- 1.2 For the purpose of greater efficiency at meetings, it is recommended that Rule 16A of the Council Procedure Rules is amended to permit the use of electronic voting at meetings.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that Rule 16A of the Council Procedure Rule is amended to permit the use of electronic voting.

3 Financial Implications

None

4 Legal Services Comments

- 4.1 Included in the report

5 Human Resources Comments

5.1 None

6 Risk Assessments

6.1 None

7 IT Implications

7.1 The electronic voting is permitted by use of a facility on Microsoft Teams

8 Property Implications

8.1 None

9 Procurement Implications

9.1 None

10 Environmental and Health & Safety Implications

10.1 N/A

11 Equality, community cohesion and crime implications

11.1 N/A

12 Equality Impact Assessment Completed?

12.1 N/A

13 Key Decision

13.1 No

14 Key Decision Reference

14.1 N/A

15 Background Papers

15.1 None