

The Latest Developments in Local Government Law

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Decision-making

- The same fundamental principles apply
- All the relevant information
- Access and transparency
- Public involvement

Committees

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

- Virtual meetings
- Delegation to officers

Consultations that have already started - postpone or carry on?

- (Almost) never give up!
- Time sensitivity
- Available resources
- Landscape
- Alternative methods – timing, mode
- Characteristics of consultees

New consultations

- Don't let crisis arrangements stick regardless
- Creative solutions
- Transparency and trust
- Stakeholders
- Digital solutions
- Reaching the seldom heard and those not online
- Listening by social media

Opportunities for re-building

- Change in services – what worked?
- Change in community – new ideas or forms of involvement?
- Change in legal frameworks – relaxation of State aid rules and requirements for referenda
- Change in finances – new imperatives and potential partners