Procedure for Combined Authority Virtual Decision-Making

This Procedure will apply to the decision-making of the Combined Authority Board and the Combined Authority's Executive Committees pending relaxation of the Government guidance on social distancing. The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 allow formal local government meetings to be held on a virtual basis, without elected members being physically present together in the same place.

In practical terms this means that:

- The Combined Authority Board, Executive Committees, Overview & Scrutiny Committee and Audit & Governance Committee will hold virtual meetings on the dates previously agreed for meetings at the Annual General Meeting of the Combined Authority Board in May 2019 and until further notice
- The virtual meetings will be held using Zoom meetings software.
- All notices and documents in relation to virtual meetings will be provided electronically.
- The procedure for the virtual meetings will be as it would be for physical meetings under the Combined Authority's Constitution. Voting will be dealt with by the Chair asking each voting member individually how they wish to vote rather than by a show of hands.
- Agendas and reports will be published in the normal way.
- The press and public will have the opportunity to attend the virtual meetings by clicking on the link on the webpage for the individual meeting
- Decision Statements and Minutes will be published in the normal way.

These are temporary arrangements pending the relaxation of social distancing requirements.

The link for members of the public and press to join the virtual meeting of the Audit & Governance Committee at 10.00 a.m. on Friday, 31 July 2020 is:

Please click the link below to join the webinar:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85678522095?pwd=aDFvaGMwRGYzYVRDV3JFUkk2Uk9IUT09

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