

EAST LINDSEY DISTRICT COUNCIL EXECUTIVE DECISION NOTICE

1. Decision to be taken:

- i) To introduce the **East Lindsey District Council Remote Meetings of Council Protocols and Procedures May 2020 (the Protocols)**. The Protocols provide the means and guidance for the conduct of any remote meeting of the Council and its various Committees and Sub-Committees, held under the provisions of The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panel (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 No.392 (The Regulations).
- ii) The Protocol should be read in conjunction with the Council Standing Orders and Procedure Rules within the Council's Constitution, albeit the Protocols, made under section 78 of the Coronavirus Act 2020, apply notwithstanding any other legislation or current or pre-existing standing orders or any other rules of the Authority governing meetings and remain valid until 7th May 2021, or until a further decision of Council that seeks to the amend, or bring to an end the use of the Protocols, whichever is soonest.

2. This is a:

PORTFOLIO HOLDER SUPPORTED OFFICER DECISION

Note: This form should not be used for Key Decisions

3. The following is the decision making body or person:

OFFICER Rob Barlow, Chief Executive, in the exercise of his urgency powers.

4. Financial implications from this decision have been communicated to the Portfolio Holder for Finance and the Leader? Yes

5. The decision was taken on: 14th May 2020.

Note: - the above date to be completed by Democratic Services upon publication

6. Contact Officer and details: John Armstrong, Monitoring Officer,
John.armstrong@e-lindsey.gov.uk

7. List of documents submitted for consideration in relation to the matter in respect of which the decision is to be made:

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- a) The East Lindsey District Council Remote Meetings of Council Protocols and Procedures May 2020 (the Protocols)
 - b) The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panel (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 No.392 (The Regulations)
<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2020/392/contents/made>
8. Where the documents are held and where they can be obtained from (except exempt items) when they become available:
- a) The Protocols referred to at paragraph a) above are attached to this decision notice.
 - b) The Regulations referred to at paragraph b) above can be found via the following link:
<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2020/392/contents/made>
9. The reason for the decision and other alternative options considered and rejected:
- To allow the Council to introduce Protocols for the conduct of remote meetings in accordance with The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panel (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 No.392 (The Regulations). The introduction of the Regulations allow the Council to lawfully conduct remote council meetings and the protocols allow for current standing orders and Constitutional requirements to be deferred to allow for these Regulations to be applied and for the business of the council to continue to be conducted through its committee structure.
10. Declaration of any conflicts of interest of the decision making body or the individual: None
11. Provide a note of any subsequent dispensations granted by the Head of Paid service: None

12. Financial Implications of this Decision:-

Estimated cost:- None

Funded from:-

N.B. Please enter names below, signatures will be retained as a hard copy and will not be published therefore should be provided on page 3 of this form:

13. This decision has been signed off by:

Head of Paid Service

(insert name – signatures should be provided overleaf on page 3)

Robert Barlow – Chief Executive

Leader **(insert name)**:

Councillor Craig Leyland

Portfolio Holder **(insert name)**:
