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Section 3		
3.4 Adverse Weather	3.4.1 If prior to a meeting of any Committee adverse weather conditions are expected which will affect the ability of those attending the meeting (public, Councillors or Officers) to travel safely, it shall be the responsibility of the Chair of the Committee, in consultation with the most senior Officer attending the Committee to determine whether to postpone the meeting, or hold this as a virtual meeting only. The Proper Officer shall be responsible for advising the public, Councillors and Officers of the postponement and setting a new date to re-convene the meeting, or that it will be a virtual meeting, in order to conclude the original agenda as soon as possible. done	3.4.1 If prior to a meeting of any Committee adverse weather conditions are expected which will affect the ability of those attending the meeting (public, Councillors or Officers) to travel safely, it shall be the responsibility of the Chair of the Committee, in consultation with the most senior Officer attending the Committee to determine whether to postpone the meeting, or hold this as a virtual meeting only, where legally necessary to request that a delegated decision / decisions are made under urgency provisions. The Proper Officer shall be responsible for advising the public, Councillors and Officers of the postponement and setting a new date to re-convene the meeting, or that it will be a virtual meeting, in order to conclude the original agenda as soon as possible where applicable.
Section 4		
4.6 Council meetings	4.6 Council Meetings There are three types of Council meeting:- 4.6.1 the annual meeting; 4.6.2 ordinary meetings; and 4.6.3 extraordinary meetings. For all purposes of the Constitution the term "meeting" is not limited in meaning to a meeting of persons all of whom, or any of whom, are present in the same place and may be wholly or partly through remote means including (but not limited to) video conferencing,	4.6 Council Meetings There are three types of Council meeting:- 4.6.1 the annual meeting; 4.6.2 ordinary meetings; and 4.6.3 extraordinary meetings. For all purposes of the Constitution the term "meeting" is not limited in meaning to a meeting of persons all of whom, or any of whom, are present in the same place and may be wholly or partly through remote means including (but not limited to) video conferencing, live webcast, and live interactive streaming provided such remote means are legally permissible under relevant legislation.

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	live webcast, and live interactive streaming provided such remote means are legally permissible under relevant legislation.	
	4.8.5 Time and Place of Meetings and Agenda setting the Agenda and Recording of Meetings by the Council (a) The time and place of meetings will be determined by the Proper Officer and notified in the summons. Place is to be interpreted as where a meeting is held, or to be held, and includes reference to more than one place including electronic, digital or virtual locations through remote means such as internet locations, web addresses or conference call telephone numbers.	(a) The time and place of meetings will be determined by the Proper Officer and notified in the summons. Place is to be interpreted as where a meeting is held, or to be held, and includes reference to more than one place including electronic, digital or virtual locations through remote means such as internet locations, web addresses or conference call telephone numbers.
	4.8.6 Notice of and Summons to Meetings (b)(iii)(iii) "open to the public" includes access to the meeting being through remote means including (but not limited to) video conferencing, live webcast, and live interactive streaming and where a meeting is accessible to the public through such remote means the meeting is open to the public whether or not members of the public are able to attend the meeting in person.	(iii) "open to the public" includes access to the meeting being through remote means including (but not limited to) video conferencing, live webcast, and live interactive streaming and where a meeting is accessible to the public through such remote means the meeting is open to the public whether or not members of the public are able to attend the meeting in person.
Quorum	Quorum and Members in Remote Attendance of Meetings 4.8.8 Quorum and Members in Remote Attendance of Meetings Quorum:	4.8.8 Quorum and Members in Remote Attendance of Meetings Quorum: (a) The quorum of a meeting will be one quarter of the whole number of Members. During any meeting if the Chair counts the number of Members present and declares there is not a quorum present, then the

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	4.8.16 Voting (c) Method of Voting Unless a recorded vote is called for or applied under 4.8.16(e), (f) or (h) the Chair will take the vote by: (i) electronic voting system(s) for remote voting and, or voting in the Chamber; or (ii) roll-call of Members and the number of votes for, against or abstaining will be recorded; or (iii) show of hands; or (iv) if there is no dissent, by the affirmation of the meeting.	(c) Method of Voting Unless a recorded vote is called for or applied under 4.8.16(e), (f) or (h) the Chair will take the vote by: (i) electronic voting system(s) for remote voting and, or voting in the Chamber; or (ii) roll-call of Members and the number of votes for, against or abstaining will be recorded; or (iii) show of hands; or (iv) if there is no dissent, by the affirmation of the meeting.
Remote access for the press and public	4.8.19 Exclusion of Public (b) If during a remote meeting the Chair is made aware that a public	NB (a) remains.

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	meeting is not open to the public, due to any technological or other failure, then the Chair shall adjourn the meeting. If the provision of access through remote means cannot be restored within a reasonable period, then the remaining business will be considered at a time and date fixed by the Chair. If they do not fix a date, the remaining business will be considered at the next ordinary meeting.	(b) If during a remote meeting the Chair is made aware that a public meeting is not open to the public, due to any technological or other failure, then the Chair shall adjourn the meeting. If the provision of access through remote means cannot be restored within a reasonable period, then the remaining business will be considered at a time and date fixed by the Chair. If they do not fix a date, the remaining business will be considered at the next ordinary meeting.
	4.8.20 Members' Conduct Where a Member is required to leave under (d) or (e) above, the means of remote attendance and access is to be disconnected whilst any discussion or vote takes place in respect of the item or items of business to which this relates or remainder of the meeting in the case of (d).	Where a Member is required to leave under (d) or (e) above, the means of remote attendance and they are at the meeting virtually, access is to be disconnected whilst any discussion or vote takes place in respect of the item or items of business to which this relates or remainder of the meeting in the case of (d).
	4.8.21 Disturbance by Public (a) Removal of Member of the Public If a member of the public interrupts proceedings, the Chair will warn the person concerned. If they continue to interrupt, the Chair will order their removal from the meeting. If this meeting is partly or wholly remote, then use of language, or electronic methods or imagery which disrupts the meeting (whether intended or not) would lead to the person being muted, and or video stream from them being disabled to excluded them from any further participation.	(a) Removal of Member of the Public If a member of the public interrupts proceedings, the Chair will warn the person concerned. If they continue to interrupt, the Chair will order their removal from the meeting. If this meeting is partly or wholly remote they are in attendance remotely, then use of language, or electronic methods or imagery which disrupts the meeting (whether intended or not) would lead to the person being muted, and or video stream from them being disabled to excluded them from any further participation.

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Issue	4.8.23 Decision Making (a) In order to vote on an agenda item at any meeting of the Council or a Committee or Sub-Committee, a Member must be present for the entirety of the debate and consideration of that item. A Member in remote attendance is present and attends the meeting if at all times they can: (i) hear, and where practicable see, and be so heard and, where	(a) In order to vote on an agenda item at any meeting of the Council or a Committee or Sub-Committee, a Member must be present for the entirety of the debate and consideration of that item. A Member in remote attendance is present and attends the meeting if at all times they can: (i) hear, and where practicable see, and be so heard and, where practicable, be seen by, the other Members in attendance; and (ii) hear, and where practicable see, and be so heard and, where practicable, be seen by, any members of the public entitled to attend the meeting in order to exercise a right to speak at the meeting; and (iii) be heard when entitled to speak and, where practicable, be seen by any other members of the public attending the meeting. If the above are not met and as soon as the Chair is made aware, the
	practicable, be seen by, the other Members in attendance; and (ii) hear, and where practicable see, and be so heard and, where practicable, be seen by, any members of the public entitled to attend the meeting in order to exercise a right to speak at the meeting; and (iii) be heard when entitled to speak and, where practicable, be seen by any other members of the public attending the meeting.	If the above are not met and as soon as the Chair is made aware, the Chair may: (iv) adjourn the meeting for a short period to permit the conditions for remote attendance of a Member contained in (a) above to be reestablished; or if quorate (v) continue to transact the remaining business of the meeting in the absence of the Member in remote attendance.
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Application to Committees and Sub-Committees	the absence of the Member in remote attendance. 4.8.24 Application to Committees and Sub-Committees	Amendment to remove reference to 4.8.8(b).
Section 15		
Access to Information rules	Section 15 Access to information Rules 15.3 Members of the public may attend all meetings subject only to the exceptions in these rules. Attendance includes access to the meeting being through remote means including (but not limited to) video conferencing, live webcast, and live interactive streaming and where a meeting is accessible to the public through such remote means the meeting is open to the public whether or not members of the public are able to attend the meeting in person.	Members of the public may attend all meetings subject only to the exceptions in these rules. Attendance includes access to the meeting being through remote means including (but not limited to) video conferencing, live webcast, and live interactive streaming where applicable and where a meeting is accessible to the public through such remote means the meeting is open to the public whether or not members of the public are able to attend the meeting in person.
Various		
Following adoption of new NHDC Code 15 April 2021 and its new wording	Previous references to 'Declarable Interests' in Constitution now refer to 'Other Registrable Interest'	4.8.20(e); App 2 to Section 8, para 1.3; App 3 to Section 8, 1 & amend "(as set out in Part 2 of the Code of Conduct)." App 3 to Section 8, 2; App 3 to Section 8, 3; App 3 to Section 8, 6; Section 18, 9.