

Is there guidance on how we can hold our PCC meeting or APCM?

Parochial church councils (PCCs) are able to meet physically indoors from step 3 of the Government's roadmap, respecting the guidance on social contact and the rules around face coverings and social distancing.

APCMs can also be held in person following the same guidance and rules.

PCCs can, if they wish, meet using virtual means such as Teams or Zoom which enable the members to see and hear each other. This may be preferable in areas with high infection rates, or where travel and an appropriate venue are issues for participation.

However, care must be taken so that members of a PCC who are unable to participate in a meeting in that way are not excluded from the PCC's deliberations and decision making. The Chair should take steps to ensure that they are able to participate so far as possible, including where necessary by means of the procedure for conducting business by correspondence set out in rule M29 of the Church Representation Rules.

Following a virtual meeting, decisions such as the authorising of expenditure, entering into contracts or those that require a formal resolution of the PCC should be put in written form and circulated for formal approval under the correspondence procedure in rule M29 (which under Rule 76 can be conducted by email).

Updated Thursday June 24, 14:50: FAQ on APCM and PCC meetings updated to reflect current stage of roadmap.