

**NOTICE TO CHAIR OF OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
OF A GENERAL EXCEPTION TO THE PUBLICATION OF THE
INTENTION TO MAKE A KEY DECISION¹**

AND

**NOTICE SETTING OUT REASONS WHY PUBLICITY
REQUIREMENTS ARE IMPRACTICABLE²**

¹ In accordance with Regulation 10(1) of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012.

² In accordance with Regulation 10(3) of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012.

1. Where a decision maker intends to make a key decision that decision must not be made until at least 28 clear days public notice has been given³.
2. Where the publication of the intention to make a key decision is impracticable, that decision may only be made where the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee has been informed of the matter about which the decision is to be made, notice to the Chair has been made available for public inspection at the Council offices and published on the Council's website, and after 5 clear days have elapsed following the day on which notice to the Chair was made publicly available⁴.
3. **This notice is to inform the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee that it has been impracticable to give 28 clear days public notice of the item(s) set out below for the reasons set out below and that it is intended that the key decision(s) will be made on the date specified below.**
4. **Notice is also given to the public that the reasons why compliance with the requirements for publicity in connection with key decisions are impracticable are set out below.**

³ In accordance with Regulation 9(2) of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012.

⁴ In accordance with Regulation 10(1) of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012.

Date of decision or period within which the decision is to be made	Matter in respect of which the decision is to be made	Short description	Decision maker	Cabinet Member & Lead Officer	List of documents to be submitted to the decision maker	Public or Private meeting. Statement of reasons if private	Reasons why impracticable to give 28 days' clear public notice
Between 17 th of January and 24 th of January 2024	Fire Safety Contract Budget Virement	Agreement for capital and revenue expenditure for the financial year April 2023 to March 2024, to a total of £2,100,540.00, of which £980,320.0 is revenue and £1,120,220.00 is capital. This virement decision is needed to allow a further officer delegated decisions to be taken to award contracts for required fire safety enhancements to residential blocks.	Leader of the Council	Cabinet Member for Housing Services, Private Renters and Planning Director for Placemaking and Housing	Fire contracts Financial Risk Briefing Document Report of the Director for Placemaking and Housing	Public	The Section 151 Officer advice is that this virement needs to be agreed prior to officer contract award decisions. A significant amount of the cost needs to be from revenue and not capital as originally anticipated, and this was not included in the Q2 budget report to Cabinet in December 2023. This decision cannot wait until March 2024 Q3 Budget report as urgent works are required to provide life critical fire safety enhancements to residential blocks in line with deadlines set as part of our Voluntary Undertaking to the Regulator for Social Housing.

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