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. 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.

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.

- 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.

| Between 24-Jan-2022 and 11-Feb-2022 | Award of Contract for the Purchase of Library Stock | Approval is sought to enter into contract for the purchase of Library Stock for a period of 3 years with an option to extend for a further 2 years as allowed under the Council Contracts Standing Order (CSO) 9.07.1(d). | Cabinet Member Signing | Cabinet Member for Early Years, Children and Families Assistant Director for Commissioning | Report of the Assistant Director for Commissioning | Part exempt Paragraph 3, 5 Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). Information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings. | The purchase of new library stock is essential to ensure that there is continuous library provision. The existing contract for library stock is due to expire on 31 March 2022 and a decision must be made with sufficient time for implementation in order to ensure continuity of service. As a result, it is impractical to provide 28 days' notice of this decision without risking interruptions to library services. |
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