

EXECUTIVE KEY DECISION – 4th March 2024

The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012

Notice of Intention to take Key Decision, without 28 Day Notice

Notice is hereby given in accordance with Regulation 10 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012 that it is impracticable to give 28 days' notice of the taking of the following decision, which is a Key Decision to be taken by the Cabinet at meeting on the 14th March 2024:

- Approve the Retail, Hospitality and Leisure scheme as set out in Annex A for 2024/2025
- Delegate to the Assistant Director for Resident Services the award of such reliefs

The reason for which it has been impracticable to give 28 days' notice of this decision is as follows:

The report is to consider a scheme of rate relief for retail premises as outlined by Government in the Autumn Statement 2023. Notice of this proposed decision was first published on the forward plan on 5th December 2023, however, in error, it was marked as a non-key decision instead of a key decision. This decision is likely to involve expenditure of over £100,000 (through a section 31 Local Government Finance Act 2003 grant from government) and the financial threshold for key decisions in the constitution is £50,000. Accordingly, it should have been marked as a key decision. The decision cannot be deferred to a later cabinet meeting to provide the 28 clear days notice as Government Guidance requires the scheme to operate for the billing year (1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025). The scheme is mandatory for local authorities to administer.

The Chair of the Strategic Overview and Scrutiny Committee has been advised of this issue by letter of the 4th March 2024 in accordance with Regulation 10.

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4th March 2024