



The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012 (“the Regulations”) (Regulation 9)

NOTICE OF CONSIDERATION OF A CONFIDENTIAL DECISION THAT HAS NOT BEEN INCLUDED ON THE FORWARD PLAN AS SUCH

East Suffolk Council needs to finalise contractual arrangements with Suffolk County Council and the contractors delivering the Suffolk Public Sector Cloud Project. If it does not receive the authority of Cabinet to do this at the July meeting it risks not being able to extend the proposed fibre network and benefit from significant further investment from the fibre infrastructure provider. The report will request that the budget be set aside to ensure that these projects can progress on an urgent basis.

It is deemed important that Cabinet considers this decision as soon as possible.

Regulation 10 of the Regulations (General Exception) allows for a key decision to be made if it is impracticable for notice of the intention to take a key decision under Regulation 9 to be given 28 clear days in advance of the taking of the decision.

Regulation 10 sets out the actions required to be taken in those circumstances which includes setting out the reasons for General Exception.

This Notice has not provided the relevant 28 days. However, in accordance with Regulation 5(6) of the Regulations where the Chairman of the Scrutiny Committee considers that there is urgency which dictates that this decision is urgent and cannot be reasonably deferred to allow compliance with Regulation 5 the decision may still be taken.

The Chairman of the Scrutiny Committee has been notified that the making of the decision in private detailed below is urgent and cannot reasonably be deferred and has agreed for it to proceed. The reason for this is as set out below:

The report contains information relating to the financial and business affairs of the Council and third parties. It is impractical to delay the decision,

The reason why the matter is to be considered in private is that it includes information relating to Information Relating to an Individual and The financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information) (Paragraphs 1 and 3 – Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972).

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