



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

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

The reason why the decision is urgent and cannot reasonably be deferred is that East Suffolk Council needs to confirm acceptance and to set out a plan of spend for an advanced Government Towns Fund capital grant of £750,000 for Lowestoft to Government by no later than 14 August 2020. This confirmation to Government will need to include confirmation by the S151 Officer that spending is in line with the towns fund intervention framework and the project can be delivered in this financial year. Failure to respond by the required time will result in forfeit of the grant. The Cabinet Report requests that the Council accepts the grant to fund the redevelopment of East Point Pavilion setting aside the already agreed capital budget to develop additional projects within the town centre. The East Point Pavilion has been identified as a project within Lowestoft which meets the conditions of the grant and most importantly can be delivered by no later than March 2021. East Point Pavilion can start from August 2020. Additionally, circa £30,000 of the grant will be used on streetscape measures within Lowestoft Town Centre to help mitigate against the impact of COVID-19.

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 detailed below is urgent and cannot reasonably be deferred and has agreed for it to proceed. The reason for this is as set out above.

Hilary Slater  
Head of Legal and Democratic Services (Monitoring Officer)  
7 July 2020