

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

Notice Issued Under Regulation 10 (General Exception), regarding the Intention to take Key Decisions/Consider an Item in Private without 28 clear-days notice

Regulations 5 and 9 of the above Regulations requires 28 clear days’ notice to be given of all ‘private’ and ‘key decisions’ taken on behalf of the Authority. Where that notice is impracticable, the decision can only be made where:

- the Chair of the relevant Scrutiny Committee has been informed in writing – or, if there is no such person, each member of the relevant Scrutiny Committee by notice in writing, of the matter about which the decision is to be made;
- the Council has issued a Public Notice (i.e. this Notice), setting out the reasons why compliance with Regulation 9 is impracticable; and
- five clear days have elapsed following the issue of the Notice.

Notice is hereby given in accordance with Regulation 10 that the Executive intends to make the following key decision/decision in private exempt session, without the 28 clear-days’ notice:

Matter for Decision:	Levelling Up Fund Cultural Allocation for North Northamptonshire
Decision Maker:	Executive

Notice Published:	27 March 2024
Expected Decision Date:	18 April 2024

Reason why impracticable to comply with Regulation 9	The Spring Budget 2024 included an announcement that North Northamptonshire has been provisionally awarded £5m of capital funding for cultural interventions. To access the funding the Council must submit an Investment Plan to Government. The Investment Plan needs to explain how the Council has engaged with local stakeholders including MPs. The Council was notified on 25 March, that the Investment Plan must be submitted by 10 May 2024. The only Executive meeting before this deadline is on 18 April 2024. It is proposed that a report is considered at this meeting to delegate authority to agree the Investment Plan. This proposal provides the opportunity to undertake stakeholder engagement (including with MPs), identify potential projects, assess these projects, agree which should be prioritised, and develop the Investment Plan for submission by the Government deadline. It is impracticable to wait for a later Executive meeting as that would mean missing the deadline and North Northamptonshire losing the funding.
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The Chair of the Place and Environment Committee was informed of the intention to take the key decision detailed above by email,



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