

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 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, without the 28 clear-days’ notice:

Matter for Decision:	Additional Restrictions Grant Top-Up Funding
Decision Maker:	Executive

Notice Published:	Wednesday, 18 August 2021
Expected Decision Date:	Thursday, 26 August 2021

Reason why impracticable to comply with Regulation 9	The Government have indicated that a provisional allocation of a conditional top-up of £2,987,165 is available to the Council subject to verified payment of all previously allocated ARG funding. The Council made a submission to Government on 26 July 2021 providing this verification. This was ahead of the final deadline of 30 July 2021. The Council now needs to focus on considering how this top-up funding of £2,987,165 is best utilised to aid the survival and recovery of businesses most impacted by the pandemic. By making the decision at the earliest opportunity provides the best opportunity to allow for the funding to be distributed and paid by the Council, by 31 March 2022.
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The Chairs of the Scrutiny Commission and the Finance and Resources Scrutiny Committee were informed of the intention to take the key decision detailed above by email, dated 18 August 2021.

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