

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:	Wollaston Secondary School SEND Unit - Provide appropriate expansion and enhancement of the existing school. This project is a lynch pin in the SEND Sufficiency strategy providing an opportunity to meet our statutory responsibilities to provide a sufficiency of school places in NNC.
Decision Maker:	Executive

Notice Published:	28 th February 2023
Expected Decision Date:	16 th March 2023
Reason why impracticable to comply with Regulation 9	This project has been subject to significant negotiations with the school /Nene Valley Partnership and Dfe /Esfa over the funding milestones. As a consequence we were delayed in adding the scheme to the Forward Plan. However this project is an essential SEND Project forming a significant part of our SEND Sufficiency Strategy. If we do not obtain approval at the 16 th March Executive Committee will be unable to achieve the milestones necessary to open the planned Unit in September 2023 which may result in NNC failing to meet its statutory responsibilities.

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 28/02/2023

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