

NORFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL EXECUTIVE KEY DECISION

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

Cases of special urgency

Given that the date by which this key decision must be made, makes compliance with Regulation 10 impracticable it is confirmed that the decision maker has obtained agreement to make the decision from the Chair of the Scrutiny Committee that the making of the decision is urgent and cannot reasonably be deferred.

Report Title – LEP Integration Plan

The reason that this decision is urgent and cannot reasonably be deferred is as follows:

This decision was published on the Council's forward plan with 28 days' notice; however, it was not known at the time of the 28 days' notice that part of the report would be required to be exempt from publication.

5 days' notice of the exemption was given as part of publication of the agenda.

Within the LEP integration Plan (sections 5 and 6), there is commercially sensitive information. Government have marked these sections of the LEP Integration Plan form, stating **"These section should be treated with the upmost sensitivity. Please submit any sensitive information in parallel to the main integration plan, where appropriate"**.

Appendix B of the LEP Integration report contains section 5 and 6 - exempt information. This includes:

Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information) (justified due to the commercial sensitivity of these matters)

Information relating to any consultations or negotiations, or contemplated consultations or negotiations, in connection with any labour relations matter arising between the authority or a Minister of the Crown and employees of, or office holders under, the authority.

The Chair of Scrutiny has been consulted and has reviewed the exempt appendix.

The decision maker, for Constitutional reasons, is Cllr Kay Mason Billig. Councillor Fabian Eagle, portfolio holder for this area however, fully endorses and supports this decision.

Tom McCabe
Chief Executive
Date: 25.09.23