

East Herts Council – Non-Key Decision Record

Record of executive decision made by an individual under Regulation 13 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012

Reference Number: NKD24/09

Taken by: Councillor Ben Crystall, Leader of the Council

Decision

That the East Herts Productivity Plan is published on The Council's website.

Date of Decision

7th August 2024

Reason(s) for decision

All local authorities have been required to produce Productivity Plans in response to a Written Ministerial Statement made by the previous Secretary of State for what is now the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government on 5 February 2024, following the Local Government Finance Settlement for 2024-25. The previous Minister subsequently wrote to all local authorities setting out the themes that the Plans should cover and requiring that the Plans receive member endorsement before being returned to the Ministry alongside publication on the relevant local authority's website. Although the new government and new Secretary of State has commented on the requirement for these plans, most local authorities have continued with their publication on the assumption they will be needed.

Details of alternative options considered and rejected

Do not publish the Productivity Plan. This could be pursued on the assumption the change of government and Secretary of State may result in this request becoming redundant. However most local authorities are continuing to produce their plans regardless

Does the decision or report contain exempt information?

No

State nature of any declaration of conflict of interest made by any Executive Member who is consulted by the Member taking the decision

N/A

State, in respect of any declared conflict of interest, whether any dispensation has been granted

N/A

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