

General Exception to publicity requirement in relation to a Key Decision - Regulation 10(1)

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

When twenty-eight clear days’ notice cannot be given of the intention to take a decision which meets the Council Constitution definition of a Key Decision, the Monitoring Officer is required to give notice in writing to the Chair and any group spokesperson of a relevant Overview and Scrutiny or, if there is no such person, each member of the relevant overview and scrutiny committee, of the matter about which the decision is to be made.

In accordance with Regulation 10(1), notice is hereby given that the following key decision is intended to be taken on behalf of East Hertfordshire District Council by Councillor Tim Hoskin, Executive Member for Environmental Sustainability.

Purpose of decision: To authorise the procurement (via open tender process) for a Parking Enforcement contract for a period of 6 years, with an option to extend for a further 3 years.

Copies of the report and supporting documentation are available for inspection on both the council's website and at the council offices.

This decision cannot reasonably be deferred because:

Significant time and resource has been expended on preparing the tender documentation for the procurement of a new Parking Enforcement Contract under the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (the 2015 Regulations). The Procurement Act 2023 will take effect on 24 February 2025 and replace the 2015 Regulations. Publication under regulation 9 would mean the procurement has to be launched under the new legislation and result in the Council needing to re-write the tender documentation and incurring additional expense with its parking consultant. This would have an adverse effect on tender timelines and contract mobilisation and is therefore considered impracticable.

Date of Notice – 7 February 2025