

NOTICE 2

HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

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

This is formal notice pursuant to Regulation 10 (3) of the 2012 Regulations setting out the reasons why compliance with regulation 9 is impracticable with regard to the Initial Spending plans for the Winter Care Grant.

Reasons

Winter Care Grant is provided by Government to help councils alleviate winter pressures on the NHS, getting patients home quicker and freeing up hospital beds across England. There is an expectation that authorities will deploy the new monies quickly in order to help address pressure on the system. Officers, therefore, need to approve initial expenditure plans and discuss these with Clinical Commissioning Groups in Hertfordshire as soon as possible, and thereafter begin to spend monies as soon as can be achieved to ensure continuity of service provision in the period 15 November – 17 December 2018; decisions relating to the balance of the Grant will be made by Cabinet at its meeting on 17 December 2018 (Forward Plan ref. A079/18 refers). Additionally, as this decision has been certified by the Chief Executive as critical for service delivery, it will be exempt from the provisions of Annex 9 Standing Orders SC8(1) to (9) relating to Call In.

Accordingly there is insufficient time to include this decision in the next Forward plan and wait the 28 days required by regulation 9 before making the decision.

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