

# NOTICE

## 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 11 of the 2012 Regulations that a decision on the following matter will be made by the Chief Executive:-

Adult Care Services (ACS) – Covid 19 Response Strategy :To approve funding to ensure a safe and coordinated response for the delivery of adult care services across the County.

#### Reasons

The decision relates to the urgent need to approve additional funding to ensure the delivery of adult care services across the whole county, linking, where appropriate, to other County Council departments, its partners and its providers.

It will be vitally important during the period of the Covid-19 response to sustain providers of social care to make sure that they are able to continue in business. It is well understood within the Council that the care market is fragile, and the Covid-19 situation will test arrangements to the maximum. The Council is, therefore, taking firm and swift action to protect the provider market. Equally, it is likely that adult care services will come under sustained pressure from the NHS to ensure that wherever possible people with social care related needs are able to be cared for out of hospital, freeing capacity for people with Covid-19 related complications. This decision will help ensure that the Council takes the necessary steps to ensure maximum flexibility to help secure resources, support the NHS and ensure providers, employees and service users are supported. Funding approved by the Chief Executive will be used to achieve the above from additional social care funding for the one week period from 16 March 2020 to 23 March 2020. Further funding decisions in this regard will also be considered by Cabinet in March.

As such, the decision on this matter must be taken by such a date that it is impracticable to comply with Regulation 10 of the 2012 Regulations.

In accordance with the Regulations and the County Council's Constitution, the consent of the Chairman of the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committee has been obtained and the relevant Opposition Spokesmen have been consulted on the matter about which the decision is to be made.

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12 MARCH 2020