

## NOTICE 2

### HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

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

To David Andrews, Chairman of Overview and Scrutiny Committee

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 reaching decision(s) on the matter identified in Notice 1.

#### Reasons

It is impracticable to defer the decision until the next publication of the Forward Plan as these relate to the Covid-19 Update Report and the Financial Response to Covid-19. Whilst an initial outline was provided to Cabinet at their last meeting on 23 March 2020 for approval, at the time that report was released, the level of Government intervention and support that the Council would receive (some £26m initially) this was initially uncertain. It has also become clearer that the scale of the financial impact for the Council is far greater than the levels outlined in that report. As such Cabinet need to review those cost estimates and agree how the authority will target use of the £26m grant from Government. Such interventions cannot wait for the subsequent Cabinet meeting; also due to the changing nature of this subject matter, regular updates are required in order to keep staff/ service users/the community of Hertfordshire up to date with Hertfordshire County Council's response to Covid-19.

Accordingly, there is insufficient time to include these decisions in the next Forward Plan and wait the 28 days required by regulation 9 before making the decisions.

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cc: Vice-Chairmen of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee  
Opposition Spokesmen  
Group Leaders