

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 regarding the following matter will be made by the Director of Resources:-

On 14 December 2020, Cabinet made the following decision to:

- (a) the Council to enter into the grant funding agreement with Homes England and any subsequent or connected documentation as may be necessary;
- (b) to delegate authority to negotiate, agree and complete all necessary documents to the Director of Resources in consultation with the Director of Environment & Infrastructure and the Executive Members for Growth, Infrastructure, Planning and the Economy and Resources & Performance, provided that the Director of Resources is satisfied that the Council has taken all reasonable measure to mitigate the risks to the Council resulting from the project.
- (c) to delegate the day to day running of the project to the Director of Resources in consultation with the Director of Environment & Infrastructure, so as to allow the Council to exercise all powers under the documents connected with the project.

The decisions at (b) above constitutes a separate key decision to that taken by Cabinet and a separate entry onto the Forward Plan.

Reasons

The proposed grant from Homes England is for a sum of circa £172,000,000 to build infrastructure to facilitate the development of the Harlow-Gilston Garden Town. They are insistent that the grant is concluded on or before 31 March 2021, with all parties working towards 31 March as the date for signature and completion of documents, therefore this decision cannot wait.

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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