

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 Single Tender Action (STA) Contracts/Providers Extension Of Contract

Reasons

The Single Tender Action has to be delivered from the 1 April 2022, as at present Children's Services are unclear with the anticipated release later this year by Ofsted on new regulations for this currently unregulated sector (hence the need for an STA as we are unable to tender for services at present as it is not known what the regulations are going to be). All 5 Providers (including the 2 that would have been on the Forward Plan) have provisionally signed up to a 1-year STA to continue their Supported Accommodation Services to young people aged 16/17 years from 1 April 2022 while we await the new National Minimum Standards/Regulations from Ofsted.

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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