

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 additional funding is required to enable the delivery of adult care services across the whole county, 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 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.

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(s).

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12 MARCH 2020**

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