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 COVID Accreditation Scheme.

<u>Reasons</u>

The award of a contract to operate a COVID accreditation scheme, which Trading Standards are organising on behalf of the Health Protection Board, must be in place as soon as possible as most non-essential retailers / businesses will be reopening from 12 April 2021; therefore it is essential to start proceedings imminently in order to support safe environments for customers and staff.

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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