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

<u>Reasons</u>

The Single Tender Action has to be delivered from the 1 April 2023 to continue the Housing Related Support to young people aged 16 to 25 years across Hertfordshire County Council and its 10 District/Boroughs. Delays have occurred due to Ofsted only recently formally announcing the Regulations and National Minimum Standards (due to go live from the 1 April 2023). These regulations will affect this service, as if Providers do not register with Ofsted, they will be unable to house any Children Looked After aged 16/17 years or any Care Leavers aged 16/17.

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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