

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 decisions on the matter identified in Notice 1.

CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION – ANNEX 6

Reasons

There will be a report going to Cabinet on 19 March 2018 which was not included on the forward plan and for which the required 28 days notice has not been given. The report concerns proposed changes to Annex 6 of the Constitution which sets out Standing Orders for meetings of full Council. The report will include a proposal to amend the Standing Order relating to the time allowed for 'Questions to Executive Members' *"to 1 hour or one full rotation of all Executive Members"*; this amendment was only identified following the February Council meeting where no questions were asked of the Executive Member for Children's Services as the time allocated for 'Questions to Executive Members' had elapsed. The Constitution provides that changes to Standing Orders for Council can only be varied after consideration of a report from Cabinet. 'Questions to Executive Members' will be on the agenda for the next meeting of Council on 27 March; as such, in order for the amendments to be approved in time to apply to the March Council meeting, the legally required 28 clear days' notice of (a) decision/s on this matter cannot not be given.

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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7 March 2018

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