

North Yorkshire County Council

Notice in Accordance with the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements)(Meetings and Access to Information)(England) Regulations 2012 - Procedure Rule 15

**To County Councillor Derek Bastiman
Chairman of the Corporate and Partnerships Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

Appointment of External Auditors

It is anticipated that on 18 October 2016 the Executive will consider whether to agree to recommend to County Council that NYCC opt into a sector led body for the appointment of external Auditors when the current transitional arrangements expire, subject to satisfactory proposals by the Local Government Association as determined by the Corporate Director, Strategic Resources in consultation with the Assistant Chief Executive, Legal and Democratic Services and the Chair of the Audit Committee.

This is a key decision and as such it should have been included on the Forward Plan for 28 days prior to decision taking. It has only become apparent now that this decision needs to be approved by County Council - and accordingly by the Executive beforehand - and it is not possible to give the 28 days' notice required, hence the need for this Notice. This decision cannot reasonably be deferred, as the arrangements need to be put in place by January 2017 and the County Council meeting on 9 November 2016 is the only opportunity to approve this.

In accordance with the provisions in the Access to Information Procedure Rules of the County Council's Constitution, I am informing you of this situation as the Chairman of the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee. This general exception notice is therefore required in lieu of the required 28 days' notice of the intention to take the decision set out above.

**Barry Khan
Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services)**

7 OCTOBER 2016

NOTE: The County Council's Constitution provides that, if a matter which is likely to be a key decision has not been included in the Forward Plan, the decision may still be taken if:-

- (a) The decision must be taken by such a date that it is impractical to defer the decision until it has been included in the next Forward Plan and until the start of the first month to which the next Forward Plan relates;
- (b) The Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services) has informed the Chairman of the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee, County Councillor Derek Bastiman, by notice, of the matter on which the decision is to be made;
- (c) The Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services) has made copies of that notice available to the public at the offices of the Council;
- (d) At least 5 clear days have elapsed since the Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services) complied with (a) and (b).