

**NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**NOTICE OF CALL-IN EXEMPTION**

**Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rule 16**

**Extension of contract for Integrated HR and Payroll System**

**To the Chairman of North Yorkshire County Council**

The County Council's Constitution provides that where the call-in procedure would otherwise apply to an executive decision, it shall not apply where the decision being taken is urgent.

Under Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rule 16:

*(h) The call-in procedure set out above shall not apply where the decision being taken by the Executive is urgent. A decision will be urgent if any delay likely to be caused by the call in process would seriously prejudice the Council's or the public interest. The Chairman of the council must agree both that the decision proposed is reasonable in all the circumstances and to it being treated as a matter of urgency. In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman's consent shall be required. In the absence of both, the Head of Paid Service or his/her nominee's consent shall be required. Decisions taken as a matter of urgency must be reported to the next available meeting of the Council, together with the reasons for urgency.*

The Corporate Director Strategic Resources has recently approved the extension of a contract for the provision of an Integrated HR and Payroll System. The intention to make this key decision was published on the Forward Plan for the requisite 28 clear day period.

It has come to light that timescales are such in this matter, given the current Covid19 pandemic, that the decision is required to be implemented immediately without allowing for the call in period, to enable the Council to continue to deliver its HR and payroll functions for internal and external customers. The extension of the current contract will provide additional time for the Council to consider options in relation to the future commissioning of the Council's requirements in relation to HR and payroll services.

Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rule 16(h) enables matters to be determined on an urgency basis and be exempt from call-in, where any delay likely to be caused by the call-in process would seriously prejudice the Council's or the public interest. It is suggested, for the above reasons, that this would be the case should the call in period not be exempted in this matter.

In accordance with the provisions in this Rule, I am therefore seeking your agreement that the decision proposed is reasonable in all the circumstances and to it being treated as a matter of urgency (where any delay likely to be caused by the call in process would seriously prejudice the Council's or the public interest) and exempt from call-in. If you so agree, will you please so confirm in writing as soon as possible.

**BARRY KHAN**

Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services) and Monitoring Officer

Dated: 31 March 2020

**I agree, for the reasons stated in this notice, that the decision proposed is reasonable in all the circumstances, to it being treated as a matter of urgency and exempt from call-in.**

**Signed** County Councillor Jim Clark

**Date** 31 March 2020

**Chairman of North Yorkshire County Council**