

EAST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

Notice under The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012

On 27 November 2012 the County Council intends to hold a meeting of the Lead Cabinet Member for Community and Resources which will be partly private to consider an urgent agenda item

The reason the meeting is partly private is that the report to be considered contains exempt information as specified in paragraph [3] of Part 1 of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended), namely Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

Under the requirements of Regulation 5(2) of The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012 the Council is required to give 28 days notice of a private meeting identified within the scope of these regulations.

The item (Title of report: Sussex Cluster Contractor's Framework Agreement related to Sustainable Construction Projects and Programmes of Work. Purpose of Report: To seek approval to enter into Contractor Framework Agreements with 21 Contractors, to carry out construction projects and programmes of work for the period to February 2017) is considered to be urgent and consideration cannot be deferred as the current contractor's framework expires at the end of January and we would like to engage with the new contractors as early as possible for reasons of continuity and planning. If we deferred it until January then we would not be able to engage with our preferred contractors until the current framework ends leaving us at risk of starting the new framework without procedures in place. For this reason compliance is considered impracticable, and an exception to Regulation 5 (2) is therefore sought under Regulation 5(6) of the above Regulations. Accordingly a copy of this notice shall be made available pursuant to Regulation 5(6) prior to 27 November 2012.

Under the requirements of Regulation 9 of The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012 the Council is required to give 28 days notice of a key decision identified within the scope of these regulations.

It is considered that entering into the Framework Agreement referred to above would be a key decision and for the reasons of urgency outlined above, compliance is considered impracticable, and an exception to Regulation 9 is therefore sought under Regulation 10 of the above Regulations. Accordingly a copy of this notice shall be made available pursuant to Regulation 5(6) for at least five clear days prior to 27 November 2012.

Date: 16 November 2012