

EAST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

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

On 15 January 2013 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 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 one 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 is considered to be urgent because both East Sussex County Council and Lewes District Council have urgent requirements to replace their existing telephony systems which are no longer upgradeable and have limited supportability. Both Authorities' telephony systems would therefore be at risk if the procurement to replace them is subject to further delay. Unforeseen delays in opening the tenders meant that evaluation of the tenders could not be completed earlier. 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 15 January 2013.

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 the procurement arrangements 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 15 January 2013.

Date: 7 January 2013