

EAST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

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

Not before 5 December 2022 the Director of Adult Social Care and Health will consider the following item: Extension of School Health Service Contract.

The purpose of the item is:

The School Health Service is commissioned from Kent Community Health NHS Foundation Trust; it provides the 5-19 Healthy Child Programme which provides universal and targeted support for children and young people of school age.

The current contract value is £2M and is funded from the ring-fenced Public Health Grant, the service was procured in 2019 and was commissioned to start from Jan 1st, 2020, on a three year contract with an option to extend for a further two years.

The first three years of the contract end on 31 December 2022 and, after review, it is proposed that the current contract is extended for a further two years until 31 December 2024 as further time is required to re-evaluate the specification to fully reflect the changing nature of the service as a result of COVID, etc.

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 item referred to above would be a key decision and for the reasons of urgency outlined below, compliance is considered impracticable, and an exception to Regulation 9 is therefore sought under Regulation 10 of the above Regulations. It is considered impracticable to comply with the requirements of The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012 because this will ensure continuation of service is met in line with the contract end date.

Accordingly a copy of this notice shall be available pursuant to Regulation 5(6) for at least 5 clear days prior to 5 December 2022.

Date: 25 November 2022