



EAST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

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

Between 23 October 2023 and 30 November 2023 the Chief Operating Officer will consider the following item: Award of property contract for Adult Social Care's Supported Living Programme - Phase 1.

The purpose of the item is:

A key decision was approved in May 2023 for Westridge to undertake refurbishment/extension of 2 Adult Social Care properties (Beckley Close, Hastings, and Cregg Na Ba Battle). Works commenced on the properties, but unfortunately the contractor, Westridge, has now gone into administration. A decision is required to enter into a contract with an alternative contractor (or possibly a separate contractor for each site) to complete the works at both sites. The project comprises reconfiguration of 2 Bungalows to provide ensuite facilities for residents. This reflects a change from residential care to supported living offering people a home with security of tenure.

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:

To complete building works already underway (that have unfortunately had to be halted due to the original contractor going into administration) a new contractor needs to be appointed as soon as possible. Additional delays will have further implications to residents.

Accordingly a copy of this notice shall be available pursuant to Regulation 5(6) for at least 5 clear days prior to Between 20 October 2023 and 30 November 2023.

Date: 13 October 2023