

## EAST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

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

On the 20 November 2023 County Council intends to hold a meeting of the Lead Member for Transport and Environment at which the following item will be considered: Hastings Green Connections Grant Funding Agreement.

The purpose of the item is:

To accept the Hastings Town Deal funded grant for East Sussex County Council to act as a delivery partner for Hastings Borough Council for the Hastings Town Centre Public Realm and Green Connections project. This project has £9,754,458 of funding from Hastings Town Deal and £400k from the Local Growth Fund.

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:

A Key Decision was taken by the Director for Communities, Economy and Transport on 22 September 2023 to carry out a direct procurement award. A funding agreement is required between East Sussex County Council and Hastings Borough Council to ensure that works including design, public consultation and construction can commence.

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

Date: 9 November 2023