

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

NOTICE OF URGENT ITEM

Access to Information Procedure Rule 16 – Special Urgency

2022/23 Early Years Funding Formula

To the Chairman of the Children & Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Committee

The County Council's Constitution provides that if a matter which is likely to be a key decision has not been included on the Council's Forward Plan for the requisite period, the decision may still be taken if an urgency procedure is followed.

Under Access to Information Procedure Rule 16:

16.1 Where the date by which a decision must be made makes compliance with Rule 15 (general exception) impracticable, then the decision can only be made if the decision maker (if an individual) or the Chairman of the body making the decision, obtains the written agreement of the Chairman of a relevant overview and scrutiny committee that the making of the decision is urgent and cannot reasonably be deferred. If there is no Chairman of a relevant overview and scrutiny committee, or if the Chairman of the relevant overview and scrutiny committee is unable to act, then the agreement of the Chairman of the Council, or in his/her absence the Vice-Chairman will suffice.

16.2 As soon as reasonably practicable after the decision maker has obtained agreement under Rule 16.1 above, s/he must make available at the Council's offices a notice setting out the reasons why the meeting is urgent and cannot reasonably be deferred and publish the notice on the Council's website.

It is anticipated that on 8 March 2022, the Corporate Director of Children and Young People's Services will consider a report seeking approval to change the funding rates paid to early years' providers for the funded entitlement for 3

The intention to make the key decision is published on the Forward Plan however it has not been published on the Plan for the requisite 28 day period.

This matter requires a decision by Corporate Director of Children and Young People's Services on 8 March 2022 and cannot reasonably be deferred, to enable the timely consideration and progress of this matter, as the consultation closed on 18 February 2022 and there is a need to approve funding rates by April in order for them to apply for the financial year 2022/23. The LA is under a statutory duty to provide early years providers with an indicative budget for the next financial year by 31 March.

In accordance with the provisions in the Access to Information Procedure Rules, I am, therefore, informing you as the Chairman of the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee that it is intended that this matter be considered by Corporate Director of Children and Young People's Services on 8 March 2022 and I am seeking your agreement that the meeting and the making of the decision is urgent and cannot reasonably be deferred beyond this timeframe. If you agree that the meeting and the making of the decision is urgent and cannot reasonably be deferred and that this item should be considered on 8 March 2022, will you please so confirm in writing as soon as possible.

BARRY KHAN
Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services)

Dated: 1 March 2022

I agree, for the reasons stated in this notice, that the meeting and the making of this decision is urgent and cannot reasonably be deferred and that this item should be considered on 8 March 2022.

Signed County Councillor Janet Jefferson **Date:** 1 March 2022