

**NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**NOTICE OF URGENT ITEM**

**Access to Information Procedure Rule 15 – General Exception**

**Woodfield Community Primary School, Harrogate**

**To the Chairman of the Young People 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 15:

- 15.1 *If the publication of the intention to make a key decision is impracticable and a matter which is likely to be a key decision has not been included in the forward plan for the requisite period as set out in Rule 13.2, then subject to Rule 16 (special urgency), the decision may still be taken if:*
- (a) *the Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services) has informed the Chairman of a relevant overview and scrutiny committee, or if there is no such person, each member of that committee by notice in writing, of the matter about which the decision is to be made;*
  - (b) *the Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services) has made copies of that notice available to the public at the offices of the Council and on the Council's website; and*
  - (c) *at least five clear days have elapsed following the day on which the Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services) complied with (a) and (b).*
- 15.2 *As soon as reasonably practicable after the Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services) has complied with (a) to (c) above, s/he must make available at the Council's offices a notice setting out the reasons why compliance with Rule 13.2 is impracticable and publish that notice on the Council's website.*

It is anticipated that on 24 May 2022, Executive Member for Education and Skills, including early years, schools, apprenticeships, FE colleges & UTC's, and engagement with the skills agenda of the LEP will consider a report seeking approval to begin a public consultation on a proposal to close Woodfield Community Primary School.

The intention to make the key decision has been published on the Forward Plan but not for the full, requisite 28 clear day period.

This matter requires a decision by Executive Member for Education and Skills on 24 May 2022 and cannot reasonably be deferred, to enable the timely consideration and progress of this matter at the earliest possible stage. The urgency notice is required to allow the decision to be made to consult on closure of the school, which will follow a statutory process, and to give clarity to parents at the earliest possible opportunity.

**In accordance with the General Exception provisions in Access to Information Procedure Rule 15, I am, therefore, informing you as Chairman of the Young People**

**Overview and Scrutiny Committee that it is intended that this matter be considered by Executive Member for Education and Skills on 24 May 2022.**

**BARRY KHAN**  
**Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services)**

Dated: 12 May 2022