

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNCIL

NOTICE OF URGENT ITEM

Access to Information Procedure Rule 15 – General Exception

**Approval for Grant Application – UKRI Arts and Humanities Research Council :
Convergent Screen Technologies and Performance in Realtime (CoSTAR)**

**To the Chair of the Transport, Economy, Environment & Enterprise Overview and
Scrutiny Committee**

The 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 9 August 2023, the Executive Member for Open to Business will consider a report seeking approval for York and North Yorkshire Local Enterprise Partnership to be a core partner for the bid led by University of York, to be one of four new specialist centres for Creative Industries virtual production. The application will not result in any direct grant funding being awarded for the LEP involvement but the LEP will undertake to support high-growth businesses from the York and North Yorkshire area that are involved in the programme. The core partner role will be provided by York and North Yorkshire Local Enterprise Partnership, for whom North Yorkshire Council acts as Accountable Body.

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

The University of York was confirmed by Government (UKRI) as a preferred bidder on 14 June 2023, which requires completion of a Service Level Agreement with the University of York to be completed by the end of August 2023 enabling YNY LEP to be a Core Delivery

Partner. This matter therefore requires an urgent decision by the Executive Member for Open to Business on 9 August 2023 and cannot reasonably be deferred, to enable the timely consideration and progress of this matter.

In accordance with the General Exception provisions in Access to Information Procedure Rule 15, I am, therefore, informing you as the Chair of the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee that it is intended that this matter be considered by Executive Member for Open to Business on 9 August 2023.

BARRY KHAN
Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services)

Dated: 28 July 2023