

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNCIL

NOTICE OF URGENT ITEM

Access to Information Procedure Rule 16 – Special Urgency

**Revenue Budget for 2024/25 and Medium Term Financial Strategy to 2026/27 -
Revision following additional Government funding**

To the Chairman of the Authority

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 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 6 February 2024, the Executive will consider a report presenting revised recommendations to Council following the announcement of additional funding for local government on 24 January 2024. 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.

The Revenue Budget report and MTFFS was first considered by the Executive on the 23 January 2024, and a number of recommendations were endorsed at that time. However, in light of the additional funding those recommendations have now been revised, and the Executive is being asked to re-consider and endorse those revised recommendations prior to them being considered by Full Council on 21 February 2024. Therefore this matter requires a decision by the Executive on 6 February 2024 and cannot reasonably be deferred, to enable the timely consideration and progress of this matter.

In accordance with the provisions in the Access to Information Procedure Rules, I am, therefore, informing you as the Chairman of the Authority that it is intended that this matter be considered by the Executive on 6 February 2024, 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 6 Feb 2024, will you please so confirm in writing as soon as possible.

BARRY KHAN
Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services)

Dated: 29 January 2024

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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 6 February 2024.

Signed

Date

Chairman of the Authority