

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Access to Information Procedure Rule 4

FURTHER NOTICE OF PRIVATE ITEM

Creation of new audit company – Veritau Assurance Limited

The County Council's Constitution provides that at least 28 clear days before a private meeting (a meeting, or part of a meeting, of the executive decision making body during which the public are excluded) the executive decision-making body must give notice of its intention to hold the meeting in private (including a statement of the reasons for holding it in private) by making the notice available at County Hall and at the venue for the meeting (if different) and publishing it on the Council's website.

The Constitution further provides that at least five clear days before a private meeting, the executive decision making body must give **further** notice of its intention to hold the meeting in private including:

- a statement of the reasons for holding it in private;
- details of any representations received about why the meeting should be open to the public; and
- a statement of its response to any such representations

by making the notice available at County Hall and at the venue for the meeting (if different) and publishing it on the Council's website

It is anticipated that on 7 May 2024 a report regarding a decision on the outcome of the marketing exercise to procure a short term operator for Alpamare Waterpark will be considered by the Executive. The Council wishes to seek an operator to operate the site for a period of one year with an ability for an extension for a further year. This will enable the site to open in the short term and provide relevant information for a longer term strategy. The report will provide an update to the Executive on the marketing activity.

The report is likely to contain exempt information. The information anticipated to be contained in the report is of the type defined in paragraph 3,5 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information) Information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings.) and it is considered that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information. This part of the meeting may therefore be held in private.

A notice giving the required 28 days' notice of the intention to hold this part of the Executive meeting in private was published on 25 March 2024 and confirmed that any representations as to why this part of the meeting should be held in public should be sent to:

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To date, no representations have been received as to why this part of the meeting should be held in public.

It is therefore intended that this matter shall be considered in private by Executive on 7 May 2024 for the reasons set out earlier in this notice.

BARRY KHAN

Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services)

Dated: 30 April 2024