

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNCIL

Access to Information Procedure Rule 4

NOTICE OF PRIVATE ITEM

Children's residential increasing capacity proposals

The 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.

It is anticipated that on 4 February 2025 a report regarding a proposal to increase the CYPS capacity for residential provision will be considered by Executive. The intention to make this key decision is published on the Forward Plan.

This includes a proposal to add a third NWD Hub, a 6 bedded cluster consisting of 3 two bedded homes for the most complex children and conversion of an existing building to provide emergency and unplanned care for children. There is an urgent need to increase the property portfolio for children in care due to insufficient capacity in our in-house and increasing use of expensive and poor quality external provision. A national crisis of limited provision, increased costs, combined with an increase of referrals and children entering care is creating significant demand and service pressure.

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 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)) 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.

This Notice gives notice of the intention to hold this part of the Executive meeting in private.

Should you wish to make any representations as to why this part of the meeting should be held in public, please contact me using the details below:

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