

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNCIL

NOTICE OF URGENT PRIVATE ITEM

Access to Information Procedure Rule 4

Border to Coast Governance Arrangements

To the Chair of the Corporate and Partnerships Overview and Scrutiny Committee

The Council's Constitution further 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.

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.

In relation to urgent private business, where the date by which a meeting must be held makes compliance with the above Access to Information Procedure Rules impracticable, the meeting may only be held in private where the executive decision making body has obtained agreement that the meeting is urgent and cannot reasonably be deferred from the chair of the relevant overview and scrutiny committee; or, if there is no such person, or if s/he is unable to act, the chair of the Authority; or where there is no chair of either, the vice-chair of the Authority.

As soon as reasonably practicable after such agreement is given to hold a private meeting, the executive decision making body must give notice setting out the reasons why the meeting is urgent and cannot reasonably be deferred 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 24 March 2026 a report regarding approval of updated governance documents of Border to Coast, which the Council is a minority shareholder of, will be considered by Shareholder Committee.

It has recently become apparent that the report will contain exempt information as described in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) and it is considered that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information. It is therefore not possible to give the required 28 days' notice of the intention to hold these parts of the meeting in private, hence this Notice.

This matter requires consideration by Shareholder Committee on 24 March 2026 and cannot reasonably be deferred to enable the timely consideration and progress of this matter hence the need for this Notice under Access to Information Procedure Rule 4.

In accordance with the provisions in the Access to Information Procedure Rules, 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 Shareholder Committee on 24 March 2026 and I am seeking your agreement that the meeting in respect of this matter is urgent and cannot reasonably be deferred.

If you agree that the meeting in respect of this matter is urgent and cannot reasonably be deferred and that this item should be considered on 24 March 2026, will you please so confirm in writing as soon as possible.

BARRY KHAN
Assistant Chief Executive Legal and Democratic Services

Dated: 24 February 2026

I agree, for the reasons stated in this notice, that the meeting in respect of this matter is urgent and cannot reasonably be deferred and that this item should be considered on 24 March 2026.

Signed: Cllr Andrew Williams

Date: 25 February 2026

Chair of the Corporate and Partnerships Overview and Scrutiny Committee