

## **NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNCIL**

### **NOTICE OF URGENT ITEM**

#### **Access to Information Procedure Rule 15 – General Exception**

#### **Regional Care Cooperative**

#### **To the Chair of the Children and Families 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 Chair 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 12 May 2026, the Executive will consider a report seeking Executive approval to delegate authority to the Corporate Director – Children and Young People's Service (CYPS) to submit an Expression of Interest to the Department for Education to establish a Regional Care Cooperative (RCC).

The proposed RCC will align with the Department for Education's national programme for commissioning and sufficiency of placements for looked-after children and will support regional collaboration across partner local authorities and agencies.

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

This matter requires a decision by the Executive on 12 May 2026 and cannot reasonably be deferred, to enable the timely consideration and progress of this matter. The Department for Education application deadline is midday, 22 May 2026, requiring Executive approval ahead of the standard Forward Plan notice period.

***In accordance with the General Exception provisions in Access to Information Procedure Rule 15, I am, therefore, informing you as the Chair of the Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee that it is intended that this matter be considered by Executive on 12 May 2026.***

**BARRY KHAN**  
**Assistant Chief Executive Legal and Democratic Services**

Dated: 23 April 2026