

## NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### NOTICE OF URGENT ITEM

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

#### Extension of the insurance and claims handling contract

#### To the Chairman of the Corporate and Partnerships Overview and Scrutiny Committee

The County 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 Chairman 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 23 August 2021 the Corporate Director Strategic Resources will consider a report regarding the extension of the insurance and claims handling contract for 18 months until after local government re-organisation.

The report is likely to contain exempt information as described in paragraph 3 (information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)) 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.

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 Corporate Director Strategic Resources on 23 August 2021 and cannot reasonably be deferred, to enable the timely consideration of this matter and to meet the necessary project deadlines to enable the renewal of the insurances to take effect from 1 October 2021.

In accordance with the General Exception provisions in Access to Information Procedure Rule 15, I am, therefore, informing you as the Chairman of the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee

that it is intended that this matter be considered by the Corporate Director Strategic Resources on 23 August 2021 for the above reasons.

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

Dated: 13 August 2021