

NOTICE of reasons for Urgency

NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL (“the Council”)

The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012 (“the Regulations”)

The Council intends to hold a public meeting of the Cabinet on 25 June 2024, 7:30PM at which Part 1 and Part 2 reports not previously notified to the public will be considered in respect of the Leisure Investment Options.

1. This Committee is deemed to be a relevant “decision-making body” under the Regulations.
2. It is likely that this meeting will be held in private or at this meeting, the Council will exclude members of the public and press from part of this meeting, for one or both of the following reasons:
 - (a) In view of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, if members of the public were present, it is likely that confidential information would be disclosed to them in breach of the obligation of confidence
 - (b) In view of the nature of the item of business to be transacted, if members of the public were present during the item, exempt information would be disclosed to them
3. Under Regulation 5, the Council is required to give notice of its intention to hold this meeting, or part of this meeting, in private, at least 28 clear days before the date of this meeting and to give a statement of reasons for this meeting, or part of this meeting, to be held in private.
4. Where the date by which a meeting must be held, makes compliance with this Regulation impracticable, the meeting may only be held in private where the agreement of the Council’s Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (or if they are unable to act, the Chair of the Council) has been obtained, for the reason that the meeting is urgent and cannot reasonably be deferred.
5. As soon as reasonably practicable after the agreement has been obtained, the Council must publish a notice setting out the reasons why the meeting was urgent and could not reasonably be deferred.
6. The Council has obtained the agreement of the Council’s Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to waive compliance with the Regulations for this meeting. The reasons why the meeting was considered urgent and could not reasonably be deferred are as follows:

STATEMENT OF REASONS

The Forward Plan of Executive Key Decisions was published on Tuesday 28 May 2024, which listed that this matter was being considered as both as Part 1 and Part 2 reports at the Cabinet meeting on 25 June 2024. However, as per (3) above the required 28-day private notices were not published ahead of the decision being taken.

The Leisure Investment Options item is commercially sensitive, and the decision cannot practicably be delayed to the next Cabinet meeting in September 2024 as they are time critical.

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