

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

To: County Councillor John Francis, Chairman of the Safe and Strong Communities Select Committee.

In accordance with Section 10 (1)(a) of The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012, you are formally notified of the intention to seek a Key Decision by Cabinet at their meeting on 16 September 2020 on a report regarding the proposed purchase of a property to provide local residential placements. Details of the Public Notice setting out the intention to make the Key Decision are below:

STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

PUBLIC NOTICE

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Notice is hereby given under Regulation 10 of The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012 that the Cabinet, at their meeting on 16 September 2020, are to be requested to take a Key Decision in respect of the proposed purchase of a property to provide local residential placements.

And whereas the Chairman of the Council's Safe and Strong Communities Select Committee has been notified by the Proper Officer of the intention to make the aforementioned Key Decision in accordance with Regulation 10.

Regulation 9 of The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012 provides that where the Cabinet propose to make a key decision, that decision must not be made until at least 28 clear days public notice has been given. Where it is not possible to give 28 clear days' notice, Regulation 10 of the above Regulations require that the Council must make available at its offices, and publish on its website, a notice setting out the reasons why compliance with Regulation 9 is impracticable

Reasons why compliance with Regulation 9 is impracticable –

The Local Authority has experienced increasing difficulty in securing local residential placements that are able to meet the needs of some of our most complex and vulnerable young people who come into the care system. We have therefore been evaluating whether it will be more efficient and effective to develop this resource internally; this evaluation has been on-going for a period; however, we have very recently identified an ideal property in an appropriate location. In order to secure this property for this purpose, we have had to act very quickly which has resulted in the inability to meet the usual timescales.

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Signed:

Chief Executive

Date: 1 September 2020