

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

## **RULE 8 (CABINET PROCEDURE RULES) SPECIAL URGENCY**

### **RESIDENTIAL SHORT BREAKS FOR DISABLED CHILDREN**

In line with the Council's Constitution and the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012, agreement has been sought from the Chair of the relevant Scrutiny Committee (Children's Scrutiny) to deal with the above matter as an urgent matter (special urgency) at the next Cabinet Meeting on 12 December 2018.

In line with the principles of the Regulations (10 and 11) to this matter needs to be dealt with at the above meeting, but the required notice has not been given in the Council's Forward Plan.

The reasons for consideration of this matter are as follows.

The decision was expected to be made under delegated powers, however the tender process outcome (no bids on the first occasion and a non-compliant bid on the second tender launch) meant consideration of the contingency plans and subsequently looking at a change of policy, therefore requiring a Cabinet decision.

Any delay to the process will significantly impact on service users and provision and it is essential that there is continuity of care for the children and their families.

The Chair of the Children's Scrutiny Committee is satisfied that the decision is of special urgency and that it cannot reasonable be deferred.

Signed: Rob Hannaford

Chair of the Children's Scrutiny Committee

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