

NORFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL EXECUTIVE KEY DECISION

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

Cases of special urgency

Given that the date by which this key decision must be made, makes compliance with Regulation 10 impracticable it is confirmed that the decision maker has obtained agreement to make the decision from the Chair of the Scrutiny Committee that the making of the decision is urgent and cannot reasonably be deferred.

Report Title – Urgent - Use of the Department for Health & Social Care Workforce Recruitment and Retention Grant

The reason that this decision is urgent and cannot reasonably be deferred is as follows:

- The workforce recruitment and retention grant is a time limited grant, provided urgently by the Government to address the current social care workforce shortages. The grant must be spent by 31st March 2022.
- Funding cannot be distributed until the decision has been made and grant agreements have been distributed and returned to NCC. By waiting for the Cabinet meeting on 6th December, it would mean that care providers could not be notified of the allocations or receive grant agreement ahead of this date, which would delay grant distribution until at least the third week of December.
- An early decision will enable providers to make plans ahead of Christmas, including notifying staff of any measures that could help retain staff within the care sector this winter.

The decision maker, for Constitutional reasons, is Cllr Andrew Proctor. Councillor Borrett, portfolio holder for this area however, fully endorses and supports this decision.

The Chair of Scrutiny has also agreed that call in should be waived due to the urgency in line with Constitution Article 6.4 (v)(d).

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