

# Notice of Intention to conduct business in a closed meeting

Cabinet, 10 October 2023

The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012 require that the council give a 28 day notice period for items to be considered in private/closed session at meetings of the Cabinet. This requirement is met through the publication of the Council's forward plan.

Where it has not been possible to give the required 28 day notice period, the Council is required to obtain agreement from the chairman of the relevant overview and scrutiny committee before proceeding. In such circumstances the authority is also required to publish a notice setting out the reasons why the meeting is urgent and cannot reasonably be deferred.

This notice issued in accordance with The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012 is to confirm that the cabinet meeting to be held on 10 October 2023 at 6.00pm may be held partly in closed session for consideration of the following item listed on the agenda:

Acquisition of Broadmead Court (appendix only)

The proper officer has decided that the agenda papers should not be made available to the press and public on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of confidential or exempt information as specified in categories 1 - 7, of the Access to Information Procedure Rules of the Constitution. The report contains information falling within category 5: Information in respect of which a claim of legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings.

The matter is considered to be urgent as the Cabinet must be made be aware of legal advice obtained to secure the building. Elements of the legal advice that are sensitive only came to light through the legal work being carried out as part of the Council's due diligence.

Paul Hanson  
For Proper Officer Dated: 2 October 2023