

## **Publicity in connection with key decisions – Special urgency**

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

When twenty-eight clear days’ notice cannot be given of the intention to take a decision which meets the Council Constitution definition of a Key Decision, the Proper Officer is required to give notice in writing to the Chair of the Scrutiny Commission or in his/her absence the Mayor or Deputy Mayor, of the matter about which the decision is to be made.

In accordance with Regulation 11(1)(a), notice is hereby given that the following key decision is intended to be taken by the Director of Commercial and Economic Development and Contract Compliance Officer on behalf of Charnwood Borough Council on or after 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

#### **Purpose of decision:**

That the Council agrees to sign a contract for Unit4 SaaS Finance System (Software as a Service) before 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024.

#### **Consultation undertaken:**

The Chair of the Scrutiny Commission was consulted and gave her consent on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

#### **Why the decision is urgent:**

The decision is urgent in order to secure the best price for the Council before the new pricing strategy come into effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024. To future proof the stability of the financial management system and guard business continuity.

The decision needs to be taken urgently and within timescales which do not allow for the usual required number of days for advance notification of a Key Decision.

Copies of documents, once they become available in accordance with Regulation 7 and provided, they are not subject to any prohibition or restriction on their disclosure will be available at Charnwood Borough Council, Southfields Road, Loughborough, LE11 2TX and on the Council’s website.