



## **Publicity in connection with key decisions – General exception – Regulation 10(1)**

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 Overview and Scrutiny or, if there is no such person, each member of the relevant Overview and Scrutiny committee, of the matter about which the decision is to be made.

In accordance with Regulation 10(1), notice is hereby given that the following key decision is intended to be taken on behalf of the London Borough of Croydon by Cabinet on 19 October 2020

Purpose of decision:	Extension to Agency Staffing contract for 24 months
Documents to be submitted:	Report from Sarah Warman, Director of Commissioning and Procurement
Key Decision number:	3020CAB

Copies of those 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 Access Croydon, Bernard Weatherill House, 8 Mint Walk, Croydon, CR0 1EA, and on the Council's website.

This decision cannot reasonably be deferred because:

A planned reprocurement exercise of the Council's agency contract was planned to take place in the summer of 2020. This was however halted due to the difficulty of implementing a new contract during the Pandemic. A short term extension of 6 months to the current contractual arrangements was initially recommended, and a key decision notice was accordingly published on 24 April 2020. In light of the council's financial context, the ongoing drive to reduce agency staffing and the challenges continuing with Covid-19, the recommended decision has been reviewed and is now proposing an extension of the existing contract for up to 24 months. Due

to the current contract ending on 5 November 2020, it is impractical to give 28 days' notice as the Cabinet will need to take a decision at the next Cabinet meeting on 19 October on the extension of this contract.

Other documents may be submitted to the decision maker and to request details of these documents contact Victoria Lower on 020 8760 5700 ext. 14773

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