
Report of Urgent Action: Regulation 19

- 1** Under regulation 19 of the The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012 the County Council is required to receive a report from the Leader on any decisions taken under regulation 11. These are key decisions which were not in the Forward Plan and which needed to be taken with less than five clear days' notice. Such urgent decisions can only be taken with the agreement of the relevant Scrutiny Committee Chairman or, in his or her absence, the Chairman of the County Council.
- 2** Such action is avoided wherever possible as it circumvents the normal mechanism for publication of decisions for ensuring that members have the opportunity to comment before decisions are taken.
- 3** However, on occasion this was not possible and the County Council is asked to note the following decision which has been taken by the appropriate decision-maker, in consultation with the relevant members.

Award of contract for Emergency Accommodation

- 4** The Assistant Director (Communities), with the agreement of the Director of Law and Assurance and the Chairman of the Communities, Highways and Environment Scrutiny Committee, has approved a decision, published on 11 November 2022, for the letting of a contract for the supply of emergency accommodation for persons in need and in order to avoid the continued reliance on ad hoc more costly arrangements for such accommodation.
- 5** The matter needed to be taken urgently because delay would have prejudiced the County Council's interests as there was a risk of losing the opportunity, delaying the availability of the service and the Council then being unable to meet the needs of those presenting for support in situations of urgency.
- 6** Details of the decision are exempt under paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended): Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

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