

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

To: County Councillor Ian Parry, Chairman of the Prosperous Staffordshire Select Committee

In accordance with Section 10 (1)(a) of The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012, you are formally notified of the intention to seek a Key Decision by Cabinet at their meeting on 18 March 2020 on a report regarding operating a street works permit scheme. Details of the Public Notice setting out the intention to make the Key Decision are below:

**STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

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**Notice is hereby given** under Regulation 10 of The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012 that the Cabinet, at their meeting on 18 March 2020, are to be requested to take a Key Decision in respect of operating a street works permit scheme.

**And whereas** the Chairman of the Council's Prosperous Staffordshire Select Committee has been notified by the Proper Officer of the intention to make the aforementioned Key Decision in accordance with Regulation 10.


Regulation 9 of The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012 provides that where the Cabinet propose to make a key decision, that decision must not be made until at least 28 clear days public notice has been given. Where it is not possible to give 28 clear days' notice, Regulation 10 of the above Regulations require that the Council must make available at its offices, and publish on its website, a notice setting out the reasons why compliance with Regulation 9 is impracticable

**Reasons why compliance with Regulation 9 is impracticable –**

A Cabinet decision on the Council becoming a permit authority under Part 3 of the Traffic Management Act 2004 and the adoption of the common set of scheme conditions developed for the West and Shire Permit authorities is required during March 2020 in order that this transition can take place from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020.

In October 2013, Cabinet agreed to the County Council proceeding towards the introduction of a permit scheme for street works with the Director for Place and Deputy Chief Executive, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Economy and Infrastructure given delegated authority to deal with the preparation of a permit scheme, including the consultation processes.

In July 2018, the Secretary of State for Transport wrote to all local highway authorities that were not operating a street works permit scheme asking them to consider introducing a permit scheme by 31 March 2019. In September 2018, central Government announced a £10m investment in a new system, Street Manager, that will replace the current system of noticing for street works known as EtoN (Electronic Transfer of Notices). This system is being built for permit schemes only and will be introduced with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020.



Signed:

Chief Executive

Date: 25 March 2020