

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

To: County Councillor Bob Spencer, Chairman of the Safeguarding Overview and Scrutiny 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 20 April 2022 on a report regarding Indemnity Clauses and Decision Making for Looked After Children/Use of Regulated Placements. 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 20 April 2022, are to be requested to take a Key Decision in respect of Indemnity Clauses and Decision Making for Looked After Children/Use of Regulated Placements.

**And whereas** the Chairman of the Council's Safeguarding Overview and Scrutiny 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 –**

It has been necessary to obtain expert external legal opinion in relation to the process and in relation to the terms of any indemnity proposed and this has caused a delay in the provision of public notice. There is a need for this key decision to be made promptly to ensure that appropriate indemnities are in place.



Signed:

Chief Executive

Date: 23 March 2022