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

Notice under Regulation 11: Key Decisions taken in cases of Special Urgency

Pursuant to Regulation 11 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012 ('the Regulations'), I hereby give Notice that:-

The Cabinet Member for Environment intends to make a Key Decision on behalf of the Sheffield City Council about entering into Memorandums of Understanding with the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) for grant funding to connect the E.ON biomass plant at Blackburn Meadows to the SCC District Energy Network (DEN) providing an additional source of low cost, low carbon heat and facilitating the development of the SCC DEN.

This decision is urgent and cannot reasonably be deferred. Consequently it has not been possible to give 5 clear days' notice of the intention to make the Key Decision, as required by Regulation 10 of the Regulations.

The reasons why the making of the decision is urgent and cannot reasonably be deferred are as follows:-

In order to secure the grant funding for phase 1 from the Heat Networks Investment Project with the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS), Memorandums of Understanding has to be signed by 31st March 2017, otherwise the opportunity to secure grant funding will be lost.

Signing the MoUs will allow (but not require) the Council to draw down grant funding of £2.2 million during 2017/18 to support the cost of connecting the E.ON biomass plant at Blackburn Meadows to the SCC District Energy Network (DEN) providing an additional source of low cost, low carbon heat and facilitating the development of the SCC DEN.

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Sheffield City Council

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As required by Regulation 11 of the Regulations, the Chair of the Scrutiny Committee: Economic and Environmental Wellbeing Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee has been informed of the matter about which the Key Decision is to be made by being given the above Notice, and has agreed that the making of the decision is urgent and cannot reasonably be deferred.
Pursuant to Regulation 11 (2) this Copy of the Notice was made available at Sheffield Town Hall for inspection by the public and published on the Council’s website on

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I confirm receipt of this Notice. I agree that the intended decision is urgent and cannot reasonably be deferred.

Signed: ............................................................ Date: ...28/03/2017...

Chair of Scrutiny Committee: Economic and Environmental Wellbeing
Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee