

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

### **Notice under Regulation 10: Key Decision where less than 28 days' public notice has been given**

Pursuant to Regulation 10 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 Children and Families** intends to make a Key Decision on behalf of the Sheffield City Council **on 4th March 2021**.

The Key Decision will be about Observational Contact provision for Children and Families.

It has not been possible to give 28 clear days' notice of the intention to make the Key Decision, as required by Regulation 9 (2) of the Regulations.

The reasons why compliance with Regulation 9 is impracticable in this matter are as follows:-

The main recommendation to the Cabinet Member is that Observational Contact services are insourced. The current service provider is closing down, and a tender process has identified no other potential providers of the service. The current contract was due to expire on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021, although a short term emergency extension to the contract to 30<sup>th</sup> June has been approved by the Executive Director of People Services, and agreed with the current service provider, who is preparing to close. The insourcing process will need to be finalised by 30<sup>th</sup> June. The Cabinet Member decision therefore needs to be implemented promptly to allow sufficient time for the Council and the provider to comply with their obligations to inform and consult in accordance with TUPE, to reduce the risk of service disruption and to ensure continuity of provision of statutory support and services to children and families, which the Council is legally required to provide.

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**Director of Legal and Governance**  
**Sheffield City Council**

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As required by Regulation 10 of the Regulations, the Chair of the Children, Young People, and Family Support 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.

Pursuant to Regulation 10 (3) 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 24<sup>th</sup> February 2021.