

Notice of Key Decisions to be made by the Cabinet not previously included on the published Key Decision Forward Plan

Under the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012, local authorities are required to publish a Forward Plan of Key Decisions to be made by the Cabinet at least 28 clear days before the date of the meeting. In the event that the publication of the intention to make a key decision at least 28 days before the meeting is impractical, the local authority must inform the Chairman of the Scrutiny Committee. The notice given to the Chairman of the Scrutiny Committee must be published. The following notice has been given:

“I have been notified of an additional item that will need to go to Cabinet on 27 February 2024. In accordance with the law, as this is within the 28-day period of the advance public notice of key decisions, I am informing you as Chairman of the Scrutiny Committee.

Area SEND Inspection and Next Steps – *This item was requested to be added to the forward plan after it was published on 29 January 2024 as the Area SEND Inspection report was published on 30 January 2024, the day after the Key Decision Forward Plan for Cabinet on 27 February 2024 was finalised for publication.*

A Cabinet decision is needed on 27 February 2024. The item cannot be delayed until the next Cabinet meeting on 21 March 2024 because the Priority Action Plan is required to be submitted to Ofsted on 7 March 2024. The Area SEND Inspection findings and next steps have a significant effect on communities.

Councillor Hicks, as Leader of the Council, has given his consent for the item to be considered by Cabinet on 27 February 2024.”

A notice must also be published setting out the reasons why compliance is impractical and the details of any decisions to be made which were not included on the published Forward Plan.

This Notice sets out those key decisions to be made the meeting of the Cabinet on 27 February 2024 which have not previously been included on the published Key Decision Forward Plan. In accordance with the Regulations, the Chairman of the Scrutiny Committee has been informed of the item listed below.

Title of Report	Area SEND Inspection and Next Steps
Reason for key decision added after Forward Plan Publication	This item was requested to be added to the forward plan after it was published on 29 January 2024 as the Area SEND Inspection report was published on 30 January 2024, the day after the Key Decision Forward Plan was published. The item cannot be delayed until the next Cabinet meeting on 21 March 2024 because the Priority Action Plan is required to be submitted to Ofsted on 7 March 2024.

The agenda for the meeting of the Cabinet will be published five clear days before the date of the meeting and will be available on the Council's website (www.suffolk.gov.uk) or at Endeavour House, Russell Road, Ipswich, IP1 2BX.

For further information, please contact Democratic Services at Suffolk County Council, Endeavour House, Russell Road, Ipswich, IP1 2BX.

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