

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** intends to make a Key Decision on behalf of Kirklees Council on **15 December 2020** regarding **Community Champions Express of Interest**

It has not been possible to give 28 clear days' notice of the intention to make the Key Decision. The reasons why compliance is impracticable in this matter are as follows:

- 1.1 On 22 October 2020, the Minister for Equalities announced that the Ministry of Housing Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) would provide up to £25m of funding to support those communities who have been shown to suffer disproportionately from COVID 19, through a new scheme called 'Community Champions. Kirklees was one of the identified areas to apply for this funding as an area that has very diverse communities with a range of complex and individual needs
- 1.2 The fund's prospectus was released on a webinar held on the 2 December by MHCLG; The Expression of Interest needs to be completed by 9 December, expected notification 14th December, and delivery commence in the same month.
There is a need for the funding to be committed by 31 March 2021 and it is anticipated very few awards will exceed £500,000 per individual area. Working with partners and passporting funds to third sector organisations is a key element of the funding.
- 1.3 The timeframes set out by Government and the need to achieve the outcome of the funds in the timescales is incredibly tight. To achieve these outcomes, we also anticipate the need for a grant scheme to be approved and in place, in anticipation of an award being made so those funds can be used to enable and mobilise community champions.

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As required by Regulation 10 of the Regulations, the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee has been informed of the matter about which the Key Decision is to be made by and given the above notice.