

URGENCY NOTICE

STEVENAGE BOROUGH COUNCIL

The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012 (the “2012 Regulations”)

This is a formal notice pursuant to Regulation 10 (3) of the 2012 Regulations setting out the reasons why compliance with Regulation 9 is impractical with regard to reaching decision(s) on the Retrofitting of Fire Suppression Systems to Residential Tower Blocks.

Reasons

The decision was not included on the Forward Plan as confirmation was not received until very recently that decisions on this matter would be required at this juncture. The matter is urgent and cannot wait until the following meeting of the Executive because of the potential delays in retrofitting the sprinklers using the market tender process via the restricted procedure for the term of one year. Furthermore the process would limit the choices of viable and experienced companies willing to respond to a full tender process because of the demands on their services especially when demand outweighs the supply.

Accordingly, there was insufficient time to have included this decision in the most recently published version of the Forward Plan and wait the 28 days as required by Regulation 9 before making the decision.

A Key Decision on the above matter will be made by the Leader of the Council.

The consent of the Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee has been obtained to the above reasons for invoking the Urgency procedure.

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