

**ASHFIELD DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**General Exception Notice - Forward Plan of Key Decisions**

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

In accordance with Sections 5 and 10 of the above Regulations, the Council hereby gives notice that it intends on the expiry of five clear days after the date of this notice to make the undermentioned exempt key decision which has not been included on the current Forward Plan giving 28 clear days' notice.

The Council consider it is impracticable to defer the Key Decision and gives the requisite notice for publication on the next Forward Plan and has duly obtained signed agreement from the Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (due to the report being exempt) in writing of the matter about which the decision is to be made.

<b>Key Decision/Issue</b>	<b>Date/Period Decision to be made</b>	<b>Decision Maker</b>	<b>Background Papers/Documents to be considered by Decision Maker</b>	<b>Contact Officer</b>	<b>Reason for urgency in not being able to give 28 clear days' notice</b>
Thomson Reuters Contract 2021-2024	Before 23/04/21	Portfolio Holder for Governance, Energy and the Environment	N/A	Samantha Reynolds Senior Solicitor s.reynolds@ashfield.gov.uk	The contract should have been in place from 1 April 2021 and has already been delayed to 1 May 2021. Timescales imposed are return of executed contract by 23 April 2021 otherwise the Council will incur further costs at pro rata value rather than better value contract rates

**Dated this 9th day of April, 2021**

**Signed: Ruth Dennis  
Director of Legal and Governance (and Monitoring Officer)**

## **Explanatory Note**

- 1. The Council is required by the above Regulations to give 28 clear days' notice of key decisions. The Forward Plan includes a schedule of all key decisions which are likely to be taken in the next four months. Where a key decision needs to be made on a matter which has not been included on the Forward Plan, the above Regulations provide for a general exception to enable the decision to be made.**
- 2. The general exception requires that if it is impracticable to give 28 clear days' notice, the public are given five clear days' notice before the decision is made and for the Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to be informed of the matter about which the decision is to be made (or approval obtained should the decision be of an exempt nature).**