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Dear Councillor

GENERAL EXCEPTION NOTICE – (GE07 22) STAGECOACH CONTRACT FOR NEW BUS SERVICE LINKING AYLESHAM WITH WHITFIELD

Please find attached a General Exception Notice in relation to a decision to be taken by Councillor Trevor Bartlett, Leader of the Council, to enter into a contract with Stagecoach to deliver a new bus service linking Aylesham with Whitfield and surrounding areas.

This is a Key Decision which was not included in the Notice of Forthcoming Key Decisions. However, the decision may still be taken provided 5 clear days have elapsed between publishing the General Exception Notice and informing the Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, and the decision being taken.

Members of the public who require further information are asked to contact Democratic Services on 01304 872303 or by e-mail at democraticservices@dover.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rose Bailey - Smith".

Democratic Services Officer

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DEMOCRATIC SUPPORT SECTION ONLY	
Decision No:	<u>GE07</u>
Publication Date:	<u>20/01/23</u>

General Exception

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

Notice of Key Decision

A: Decision to be taken and by whom

To enter into a contract with Stagecoach South East to deliver a new bus service linking Aylesham with Whitfield and the surrounding rural area.

Decision to be taken by Councillor Trevor Bartlett, Leader of the Council

This is a Key Decision which has not been included within the Notice of Forthcoming Key Decisions, but which must be taken by such a date that it is impracticable to defer the decision until 28 days after the next Notice is published.

B: Reasons why this Key Decision was not included in the Notice of Forthcoming Key Decisions and why it would not be practicable to defer the decision

The need for the decision was not known prior to the publication of the most recent Notice of Forthcoming Key Decisions. The contract needs to be entered into as a matter of urgency to provide Stagecoach with sufficient notice to ensure that the new bus service can commence on 20 February 2023.

C: List of documents submitted to the decision-maker

Cabinet-style report.

D: Part of the Constitution authorising the decision

Rule 15 (General Exception Procedure) of the Access to Information Procedure Rules (Part 4 – Rules of Procedure).

- Notice must be given in the first instance to the Chairman of the relevant Scrutiny Committee
- The General Exception procedure allows a Key Decision which has been omitted from the Notice of Forthcoming Key Decisions to be taken, provided 5 clear days has elapsed between informing the Chairman of the relevant Scrutiny Committee and making a copy of this notice available to the public (on the website and displayed in the Council Chamber lobby), and the decision being taken.
- Subject to any prohibition or restriction on their disclosure, copies of, or extracts from, documents submitted to the decision-maker in relation to the decision may be requested from the address given below. In addition, the public may submit other documents relevant to the decision to the same address.

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