



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

Notice of Intention to Hold a Cabinet Meeting (or parts of it) in Private

The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012 came into force on 10 September 2012. These prescribe that 28 clear days' notice must be given by a decision-making body where it intends to hold the whole or part of a meeting in private because confidential or exempt information would otherwise be disclosed.

Under Section 5 (6) of the above-mentioned Regulations, it is permissible to hold a meeting (or part of it) in private, notwithstanding that 28 days' notice has not been given, provided the Chairman of the relevant Scrutiny Committee has agreed that the meeting is urgent and cannot reasonably be deferred. The local authority is thereafter obliged to publish a notice setting out the reasons why the meeting is urgent and cannot reasonably be deferred.

A. Date of Cabinet meeting and agenda item:

4 March 2024

Dover Beacon (Bench Street East) Project

(Exempt under Paragraph 3 (Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)) of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.)

B: Reasons why the meeting is urgent and cannot reasonably be deferred:


The award of the first stage design and build contract (Pre-Construction Services Agreement) and other project approvals are being sought.

The need for an urgent decision to be taken by Cabinet on 4 March 2024 has only just become apparent.

C. Agreement to meeting (or parts of it) being held in private:

I agree that part of the Cabinet meeting to be held on 4 March 2024 should be held in private in order to consider the exempt report entitled Dover Beacon (Bench Street East) Project.

Signed: _____


Councillor Chris Vinson
Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Date:

22 February 2024