

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 Member** for Neighbourhoods and Community Safety intends to make a Key Decision on behalf of the Sheffield City Council 15th March 2021.

The Key Decision will be about *Administration of the Waking Watch Relief Fund*

It has not been possible to give 28 clear days' notice of the intention to make the Key Decision, as required by Regulation 9 (2) of the Regulations.

The reasons why compliance with Regulation 9 is impracticable in this matter are as follows:-

On the 22nd of December 2020 the Government announced the creation of a £30m Waking Watch Relief Fund to pay for the costs of installing an alarm system in buildings with unsafe cladding. The alarm systems will enable costly Waking Watch measures to be replaced in buildings waiting to have unsafe cladding removed.

The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) have tasked Sheffield with administering this fund on their behalf. The Memorandum of Understanding has been checked by Legal and Financial Services and the funding was officially launched on the 1st February and applications have already been received by the Council.

The decision to accept the funding, of up to £1m, and the decision to approve funding to applicants being delegated to the Director of Housing and Neighbourhood Services needs to be made quickly in order to enable the processing and approval of valid application.

Once an application is valid funding will be approved to enable the Responsible Person to order and install a fire alarm. Until this is done Waking Watch will remain in place with cost of this falling to leaseholders. We should move at pace on this funding to help the alleviate the additional financial burden this is having on leaseholders in blocks affected.

Due to this the 28 notice period is impracticable

Gill Duckworth
Director of Legal and Governance
Sheffield City Council

As required by Regulation 10 of the Regulations, the Chair of the Safer and Stronger Communities Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee has been informed of the matter about which the Key Decision is to be made by being given the above Notice.

Pursuant to Regulation 10 (3) this Copy of the Notice was made available at Sheffield Town Hall for inspection by the public and published on the Council's website on 5th March 2021.