

Notice of key decision to be made under General Exception provisions

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

Date of notice: 17 October 2022

To: Councillor Paul Sweet
Chair of Scrutiny Board

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An intention to make the following key decision, which is to be considered by the Cabinet on 26 October 2022, was not publicised in advance as required by the Regulations.

Report title: Wolverhampton Local Development Scheme

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The reason(s) for the omission from the forward plan of key decisions and the reason(s) why this decision cannot be delayed until the requisite 28 days have elapsed are:

The Black Country Plan (BCP) preparation process was unexpectedly halted by the withdrawal of Dudley Council on 6 October 2022. The BCP would have been the key Local Plan covering Wolverhampton. It is important for Wolverhampton to progress and adopt an up-to-date Local Plan as soon as possible, to deliver regeneration across the City. The Cabinet Report decision will provide immediate certainty for partners, stakeholders and residents that Wolverhampton is committed to timely continuation of the Local Plan preparation process, through the approval of a new Local Development Scheme which sets out the timetable for a Wolverhampton Local Plan to replace the BCP.