

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

In accordance with regulation 5 of the above Regulations notice is hereby given that the Council's Executive intends to consider a report in private on the 24th June 2014. The report deals with an access to information dispute concerning local land charges and personal search companies.

The report provides legal advice on a claim made by personal search companies against a significant number of local authorities and the Executive will consider advice and recommendations from solicitors acting on behalf of those authorities. That part of the meeting which considers the report is being held in private to ensure the confidentiality of the advice being given which is subject to legal privilege and to maintain the confidentiality which any settlement agreement may be subject to.

A notice under regulation 5(2) was not published as the proposal only became known to the Council on the 13th June 2014. The Chairman of the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committee has agreed to the matter proceeding given that the matter is urgent as the solicitors acting for the Local Government Association and local authorities require a response by the 1st July 2014 which is before the next scheduled Executive meeting.