

Notice of an Executive decision under the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012

The Cabinet will consider and determine the following matter, which is a key decision, at their meeting on the 17 March 2021

The Construction of 20 Houses at Church Hill Street, Smethwick – The Acceptance of Tender.

The item seeks approval to award a contract for the construction of 20 Houses at Church Hill Street, Smethwick as tendered using the Council's Procurement Services In-Tend portal.

The Regulations require that 28 clear days' notice is given before a key decision or a decision on a report containing exempt information is made. However, this was not possible due to the timescales associated with the essential as the first place tenderer withdrew their tender. If the contract is not awarded to J Harper and Sons Ltd the only alternative available is to go back out to tender again. This is likely to incur further delays of 4-5 months and is most likely to result in higher tender sums than the current offer. Further delays to the Council new build programme is likely to impact on the financial modelling in relation to expenditure of RTB 1-4-1 receipts.

Due to this, and in accordance with the Regulations, the Chair of the Budget and Corporate Management Overview and Scrutiny Board has been informed of the special urgency provisions and has given their consent to the decision being taken by the Cabinet. As special urgency provisions have been agreed, this decision will not be subject to call-in.

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