Hackney

NOTICE UNDER REGULATION 10 OF THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES (EXECUTIVE ARRANGEMENTS (MEETINGS AND ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ENGLAND REGULATIONS 2012 RULES

The following item was not listed on the Executive Meetings and Key Decisions Notice:

PROPOSED DIRECTION NOTICE - CODE OF RECOMMENDED PRACTICE ON LOCAL AUTHORITY PUBLICITY

This item was not listed on the Executive Meetings and Key Decisions Notice and pursuant to Regulation 10 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements (Meetings and Access to Information) England Regulations 2012 this report is submitted as a General Exception. The reason why compliance with Regulation 10 is impracticable is set out below. This report is being submitted to Cabinet under general exception as it is urgent.

The reason for urgency is outlined below.....

The London Borough of Hackney received notification of a proposed direction from the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government in regard to Code of Recommended Practice on Local Authority Publicity.

The Secretary of State proposes to direct that the London Borough of Hackney comply with the Code as soon as practicable. In any event this must be no later than 30th April 2015. The Secretary of State has also proposed to direct the Executive (Mayor and Cabinet) of the London Borough of Hackney to consider the direction within 14 days, by 24th March 2015.

In response to the proposed directions, the Executive is being asked to authorise under General Exception, the initiation of legal proceedings against the Secretary of State on behalf of the London Borough of Hackney. The Executive is also asked to authorise under General Exception the related expenditure for the proposed legal action on behalf of the London Borough of Hackney.

Consideration cannot reasonably be deferred until a meeting held at a later date to allow for inclusion in the London Borough of Hackney's published Executive Meetings and Key Decisions Notice.

CABINET - Monday, 30th March, 2015 at 6.00 pm

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