

Legal & Governance Services Director – Hugh Peart

## **Public Notice**

### Cabinet – 10 March 2022 at 6.30 pm

Pursuant to Regulation 10 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012 notice is hereby given that the Cabinet proposes to take key decisions on the following items at the Cabinet meeting to be held on Thursday, 10 March 2022 at 6.30pm at Harrow Civic Centre:

#### 1. 'Authority to Procure Civil Enforcement Agents (CEA)'

# 2. 'Authority to Award £150 Energy Rebate to households occupying properties within Council Tax Bands A to D & to design and implement a Discretionary Energy Rebate Scheme in line with Government guidance'

The Key Decision Schedule March - May 2022 published on 9 February 2022 did not give notice under Regulation 9 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012 of these key decisions. The reasons why compliance with Regulation 9 was impracticable are that:

#### 1. 'Authority to Procure Civil Enforcement Agents (CEA)'

The decision sought could not be delayed beyond March Cabinet as it would not give officers sufficient time to meet the procurement deadline for commencing contracts by October 2022 when the existing contracts run out. The provision of a Civil Enforcement Agents service is a statutory obligation for Council Tax, Business Rates and PCN's and can also be used for Sundry Debt collection.

2. 'Authority to Award £150 Energy Rebate to households occupying properties within Council Tax Bands A to D & to design and implement a Discretionary Energy Rebate Scheme in line with Government guidance'

The report seeks delegated authority to enable officers to design and implement a Policy for administering and awarding the £150 Energy Rebate, in particular the discretionary element which is not prescribed and will accelerate the payment process, ensuring funds are awarded to those who need them.

The Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee has been notified that the decisions in relations to the above items cannot reasonably be deferred and has agreed that the reports be considered at the March Cabinet meeting.

Director of Legal and Governance Services Date: 2 March 2022