

To the Chair of the West Surrey Shadow Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Regulation 10 – General Exception Notice – The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012

Notice of an Urgent Key Decision

‘Securing a Foundation Strategic Authority for Surrey’

This is classified as a key decision, as it is likely to be significant in terms of its effect on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more wards in the area of the West Surrey Shadow Authority.

Key decisions are required to be included on the Shadow Executive Forward Plan, which is published at least 28 clear days before the Shadow Executive decision. In the case of this report, the West Surrey Shadow Authority is making use of the Regulation 10 General Exception procedure where the 28 clear days’ notice is impractical.

Notice of Reasons

The West Surrey Shadow Authority is required to state why it is impractical to defer the item to a later meeting:

- Following government’s confirmation of its intention to support Surrey to secure a Foundation Strategic Authority (FSA) for April 2027 in a Ministerial Letter received on 20 May 2026, a local consultation must be launched in July 2026 to inform the submission of a proposal to government in September 2026, to enable the statutory process of forming the FSA to commence. As such, delegated authority must be sought in the 9 June 2026 West Surrey Shadow Executive meeting to ensure the necessary decisions can be made in line with the timeline set out by government.

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Date: 29 May 2026