



Notice is hereby given that a key decision will be taken by the Director of Environment and Regeneration on or around 27 October 2020

AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION TO BISHOPSFORD BRIDGE

Where a key decision contains exempt information and would be considered in private session a 28 days' notice period, prior to the date of that the decision is required. If this notice period has not been given, then the decision can still be taken by the decision maker, if the provision contained within Rule 18 (Exempt Urgency Procedure) of the Access to Information Procedure Rules Part 4B of the Constitution has been met.

Councillor Southgate in his capacity as Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Commission has approved the use of Section 18 - Exempt Urgency procedures for this decision, noting that the report will be published 5 clear working days before the decision is taken.

The reason for urgency is that Bishopsford Bridge has been closed since 2019. Reopening the bridge is a high priority for the council and local residents, businesses and users of the A217 road. Delaying the decision further would delay the contractors starting the construction of the new bridge.

The item is exempt due to Access to Information Rules, Part 4B section 3: information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). The report provides commercially sensitive and commercially confidential information relating to contractual information from all bidders for the contract. Disclosing this would release commercially confidential information such as prices and would let the contractors know the preferred bidder prior to decision-making and call in.

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