

URGENT DECISION NOTICE

Pursuant to Regulation 10 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012, notice is hereby given that Council proposes to take the following key decision:

Decision	Decision maker	Date of decision
Retendering of ex-Europa Contracts To undertake a re-tendering process for two contracts previously procured through Europa, and establish those new contracts directly with Thurrock Council, thereby allowing the highway service to provide professional highway network management for safety and congestion minimisation.	Leader	4 October 2013

The item identified above was not included not included in the forward plan published in accordance with Regulation 9 for the following reason:

The Europa highway service was returned to Thurrock on 1 August 2013. This included the provision of technical services and highway inspections which were delivered by a Europa contract. These services are essential and non provision has public safety risk. Consequently the service needs to be provided continuously by means of a waiver for Thurrock to use their current terms up to the end of February 2014 whilst Thurrock procures new contracts.

The meeting of Cabinet in October has been cancelled and a decision to proceed with the procurement process is required in advance of the November Cabinet meeting in order that the new contracts can be in place before the waiver expires.

In accordance with Regulation 10 (c), the decision may only be made after five clear days have elapsed following the day on which the proper officer made available the notice of the decision.

The Chair of the Planning, Transport and Regeneration Committee, Councillor Gerard Rice, has been informed of the decision required.

Graham Farrant, Chief Executive

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