

ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCIL
GENERAL EXCEPTION NOTICE

(under regulations 10(1) and 10(3) of The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012 (“the Regulations”))

Notice is hereby given that the Cabinet intends at its meeting to be held on Wednesday 16 June 2021 at 5pm at County Hall to make an executive decision regarding the National Bus Strategy.

This decision is regarded as a ‘key decision’ and ordinarily under regulation 9 of the Regulations at least 28 clear days’ notice is required to be given in advance on the Forward Plan, setting out that a key decision is to be made, the matter in respect of which the decision is to be made, the name of the decision-making body and its members or the name of the individual decision maker, the date on which, or the period within which, the decision is to be made, a list of the documents submitted, the address from where copies of documents may be obtained, notice that other documents may be submitted to the decision maker and the procedure for requesting details of these documents (if any) as they become available.

Where such notice is impracticable, a general exception notice may instead be given in accordance with regulation 10 of the Regulations.

The Monitoring Officer has by written notice informed the Chairman of the Corporate Scrutiny Committee of the matter about which the decision is to be made, namely to approve establishing an Enhanced Partnership and to advise the Department for Transport of the Council’s intention and to publish the required formal notice by the end of June 2021.

The reason why it was impracticable to have complied with the standard advance notice requirement is that the Department for Transport has only recently advised the Council and a decision is needed this month.

The background is that in March 2021 the Department for Transport (DfT) published the National Bus Strategy for England ‘Bus Back Better’ [Bus Back Better \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://www.publishing.service.gov.uk). The Council has been notified that it is a requirement of the strategy that all Local Transport Authorities (LTAs) in England commit to enter Enhanced Partnerships with local bus operators by the end of June 2021, with the intention of formalising the partnership by April 2022.

A copy of this notice has been made available for inspection by the public and published on the Council’s website.

Dated 3 June 2021

Signed: Christopher Potter, Monitoring Officer