

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 Leader (no earlier than Tuesday 13 December 2022) intends to make an executive decision regarding whether to grant a lease of the Appley Tower, Ryde, to Natural Enterprise Limited (Registered Company Number 03318141) and if so, to grant delegated authority to the Director of Regeneration to agree its final terms by 31 December 2022 at the latest.

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 decide whether or not to grant a lease in respect of the Appley Tower, Ryde, and delegated authority.

The reason why it was impracticable to have complied with the standard advance notice requirement is that there is insufficient time to give the standard notice as the funding is only available if a lease is completed by the end of December 2022.

The background is that the council has received a request from Natural Enterprise Ltd to grant a lease of Appley Tower to enable them to draw down £248,552 of grant funding from Heritage Lottery for the refurbishment of the grade 2 listed structure. The grant agreement requires that the lease is concluded by the end of the year (December 2022). A copy of this notice has been made available for inspection by the public and published on the Council’s website.

Dated 5 December 2022

Signed: Christopher Potter, Monitoring Officer