**DRAFT/ NOTICE of reasons for Urgency)**

NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL (“the Council”)

**The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012 (“the Regulations”)**

The Council intends to hold a public meeting of the Cabinet on 24 September 2019 at 7.30 pm at which a Part 1 report not previously notified to the public will be considered in respect of Business Rate Pooling 2020/2021

1. This Committee is deemed to be a relevant “decision-making body” under the Regulations.
2. As soon as reasonably practicable after the agreement has been obtained, the Council must publish a notice setting out the reasons why the meeting was urgent and could not reasonably be deferred.
3. The Council has obtained the agreement of the Council’s [Vice-Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to waive compliance with the Regulations for this meeting. The reasons why the meeting was considered urgent and could not reasonably be deferred are as follows:

**STATEMENT OF REASONS**

The Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) have issued an invitation for groups of Authorities to become Business Rate pools. The deadline for applications is 25 October 2019. There is not another scheduled meeting of Cabinet within the time period for the decision to be made.

Cabinet is recommended that, if the Council would be part of an optimum pool, that the authorisation for the final agreement be delegated to the Service Director- Resources in consultation with the Executive Member for Finance and IT.

The delegated decision was placed on the Forward plan on 18 September 2019 with the decision due to be made, if delegation is agreed by Cabinet, on 16 October 2019.

Jeanette Thompson

Proper Officer of the Council

Date: 18 September 2019