

URGENT DECISIONS

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| Head of Service: | Victoria Potts, Interim Director of Environment, Housing and Regeneration |
| Wards affected: | (All Wards); |
| Urgent Decision?(yes/no) | No |
| If yes, reason urgent decision required: | |
| Appendices (attached): | N/A |

Summary

To report to Council the decisions taken by the Chief Executive and Directors on the grounds of urgency, in compliance with Appendix 2 to the Constitution – The Scheme of Delegation paragraph 3.1.

Recommendation (s)

The Council is asked to:

- (1) To note the urgent decision taken and the reason for that decision.

1 Reason for Recommendation

- 1.1 To report to Council the decisions taken by the Chief Executive and Directors on the grounds of urgency, in compliance with Appendix 2 to the Constitution – The Scheme of Delegation paragraph 3.1.

2 Background

- 2.1 Appendix 2 to the Constitution – The scheme of delegation sets out at Paragraph 3.1 that the Chief Executive and Directors are authorised to take decisions on grounds of urgency regarding matters which would otherwise be reserved for determination by a Committee or Council. A matter can be deemed urgent if, in the reasonable opinion of the officer concerned, a delay would seriously prejudice the interest of the Council or of the public and it is not practicable to convene a quorate meeting of the relevant decision-making body in sufficient time to take the decision.

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- 2.2 Since the last meeting of Council, one urgent decision has been taken by the Interim Director of Environment, Housing and Regeneration in consultation with the Mayor, Cllr Rob Geleit and the Chair of the relevant Policy Committee, Cllr Clive Woodbridge, and published in Member News in line with the Council's Constitution, Appendix 2, Paragraph 3.1. iii. The decision is set out below.
- 2.3 Decision 1 – To enter in to a contract with Housing Reviews Limited and to delegate (to Housing Reviews Ltd) the Council's statutory functions pursuant to the provisions of s166A(9) and s202 of the Housing Act 1996 to perform reviews of decisions made either regarding the suitability of accommodation offered s166A(9) or as the result of a decision upon a request for assistance as homeless s202.
- 2.4 Urgency reason 1 – Out of contract putting decision making at risk of successful legal challenge.

3 Risk Assessment

Legal or other duties

- 3.1 Equality Impact Assessment
 - 3.1.1 None arising from this report.
- 3.2 Crime & Disorder
 - 3.2.1 None arising from this report.
- 3.3 Safeguarding
 - 3.3.1 None arising from this report.
- 3.4 Dependencies
 - 3.4.1 None arising from this report.
- 3.5 Other
 - 3.5.1 None arising from this report.

4 Financial Implications

- 4.1 Financial implications are included within each decision form.
- 4.2 **Section 151 Officer's comments:** None for the purposes of this report.

5 Legal Implications

- 5.1 Legal implications are included within each decision form.
- 5.2 **Legal Officer's comments:** None for the purposes of this report.

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6 Policies, Plans & Partnerships

- 6.1 **Council's Key Priorities:** The following Key Priorities are engaged:
- To strengthen the Council's financial independence.
 - To encourage and support business creation and growth.
- 6.2 **Service Plans:** The matter is included within the current Service Delivery Plan.
- 6.3 **Climate & Environmental Impact of recommendations:** None arising from this report.
- 6.4 **Sustainability Policy & Community Safety Implications:** None arising from this report.
- 6.5 **Partnerships:** Not applicable to this report.

7 Background papers

- 7.1 The Urgent decision has already been published on Members News.