

URGENT DECISIONS

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Wards affected:	(All Wards);
Urgent Decision?(yes/no)	No
If yes, reason urgent decision required:	
Appendices (attached):	Appendix 1 – Urgent Decision Form DEC 160

Summary

To report to the committee one decision taken by the Director of Environment, Housing and Regeneration on the grounds of urgency, in compliance with the requirements of the Constitution.

Recommendation (s)

The Committee is asked to:

(1) Note the urgent decision and the reason for that decision.

1 Reason for Recommendation

- 1.1 To report to the Committee a decision taken by the Director of Environment, Housing and Regeneration on the grounds of urgency, in compliance with the requirements of the Constitution.

2 Background

- 2.1 The scheme of delegation sets out 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 ordinary meeting of the Community & Wellbeing Committee one urgent decision has been taken by the Director of Environment, Housing and Regeneration in consultation with the Chair, Cllr Clive Woodbridge and published in Member News in line with the Council's Constitution, Appendix 2, Paragraph 3.1. iii. The decision form has been appended to this report.

2.2.1 **Decision 160** – Homelessness and Housing Reviews.

- 2.2.2 **Urgency reason for decision 160** – Following the end of the previous contract for this statutory review service in December 2025, an Urgent Decision was required to appoint Turning Point as the review service provider to avoid the risk of the Council being exposed to incurring unnecessary housing costs, and scarce resources being allocated in an unsound way.

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 **Section 24 considerations:** None arising from this report.

- 4.2 **Section 151 Officer's comments:** Finance are consulted as part of the urgent decision-making process.

5 Legal Implications

- 5.1 **Legal Officer's comments:** Legal are consulted as part of the urgent decision-making process.

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6 Policies, Plans & Partnerships

- 6.1 **Council's Key Priorities:** N/A
- 6.2 **Service Plans:** The matter is included within the current Service Delivery Plan.
- 6.3 **Climate & Environmental Impact of recommendations:** None directly.
- 6.4 **Sustainability Policy & Community Safety Implications:** None.
- 6.5 **Partnerships:** N/A
- 6.6 **Local government reorganisation (LGR) implications:** There are no implications from LGR for this report – this action has been taken in advance of any potential restrictions imposed.

7 Background papers

- 7.1 The documents referred to in compiling this report are as follows:

Previous reports:

- None.

Other papers:

- None.