

CABINET ITEM COVERING SHEET PROFORMA

AGENDA ITEM

REPORT TO CABINET

14 FEBRUARY 2019

REPORT OF ADULT SOCIAL CARE AND HEALTH SELECT COMMITTEE

CABINET DECISION

**Lead Cabinet Members – Adult Social Care and Health – Councillor Jim Beall
Regeneration and Housing – Councillor Nigel Cooke**

SCRUTINY REVIEW OF TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION FOR HOMELESS HOUSEHOLDS

1. Summary

The attached report presents the outcomes of the Adult Social Care and Health Select Committee's review of Temporary Accommodation for Homeless Households.

This review was initiated in order to assess the current provision of temporary accommodation and housing related support to homeless households. Services are provided to single people and families, often with a range of complex needs. The review has particularly focussed on developing options for those who are 'hardest to house'.

2. Recommendations

The Committee recommends that:

1. the positive work of the Homelessness and Housing Solutions Service to address homelessness and support those households who are homeless be noted;
2. the positive and constructive findings of the LGA Housing Advisor in relation to the Council's approach to addressing homelessness be noted, and the proposed actions in response by the Housing Service be endorsed (as outlined at section 4.26-4.32 of the Committee's report);
3. in response to increasing service demands, the Council explores options for alternative models for 'temporary' accommodation with Housing Providers;
4. the Council continues to develop detailed understanding of those who are 'hardest to house' and the barriers to accessing (and maintaining) accommodation, and explore new forms of appropriate housing options for this client group;
5. updates on the results of recent funding bids made during the Review be reported to the Committee as part of the monitoring process.

3. Reasons for the Recommendation(s)/Decision(s)

The report presents the findings of the scrutiny review that took place as part of the agreed work programme for 2018-19.

4. Members' Interests

Members (including co-opted Members) should consider whether they have a personal interest in any item, as defined in **paragraphs 9 and 11** of the Council's code of conduct and, if so, declare the existence and nature of that interest in accordance with and/or taking account of **paragraphs 12 - 17** of the code.

Where a Member regards him/herself as having a personal interest, as described in **paragraph 16** of the code, in any business of the Council he/she must then, **in accordance with paragraph 18** of the code, consider whether that interest is one which a member of the public, with knowledge of the relevant facts, would reasonably regard as so significant that it is likely to prejudice the Member's judgement of the public interest and the business:-

- affects the members financial position or the financial position of a person or body described in **paragraph 17** of the code, or
- relates to the determining of any approval, consent, licence, permission or registration in relation to the member or any person or body described in **paragraph 17** of the code.

A Member with a personal interest, as described in **paragraph 18** of the code, may attend the meeting but must not take part in the consideration and voting upon the relevant item of business. However, a member with such an interest may make representations, answer questions or give evidence relating to that business before the business is considered or voted on, provided the public are also allowed to attend the meeting for the same purpose whether under a statutory right or otherwise (**paragraph 19** of the code)

Members may participate in any discussion and vote on a matter in which they have an interest, as described in **paragraph 18** of the code, where that interest relates to functions of the Council detailed in **paragraph 20** of the code.

Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

It is a criminal offence for a member to participate in any discussion or vote on a matter in which he/she has a disclosable pecuniary interest (and where an appropriate dispensation has not been granted) **paragraph 21** of the code.

Members are required to comply with any procedural rule adopted by the Council which requires a member to leave the meeting room whilst the meeting is discussing a matter in which that member has a disclosable pecuniary interest (**paragraph 22** of the code)

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DETAIL

1. The attached report outlines the findings of the review of Temporary Accommodation for Homeless Households. The review was undertaken by Adult Social Care and Health Select Committee.
2. Following consideration by Cabinet, an action plan will be submitted to the Select Committee setting out how approved recommendations will be implemented detailing officers responsible for action and timescales.

COMMUNITY IMPACT IMPLICATIONS

3. The review does not propose any significant changes to policies or service delivery, but does propose that actions should be taken to improve the operation of temporary accommodation within the current framework of service delivery, and explore the options for future provision.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5. There are no significant financial implications.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

6. There are no significant legal implications.

RISK ASSESSMENT

7. This scrutiny review of Temporary Accommodation for Homeless Households is categorised as low to medium risk. Existing management systems and daily routine activities are sufficient to control and reduce risk.

COUNCIL PLAN POLICY PRINCIPLES AND PRIORITIES

8. The review related to following Policy Principles:
 - Protecting the vulnerable through targeted intervention – people who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless;
 - Developing strong and healthy communities – providing preventive services that are available where needed.
9. The review would impact on the following aspects of the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy in particular:
 - Create and develop healthy sustainable places and communities;
 - Strengthen the role and impact of ill-health prevention.

CORPORATE PARENTING IMPLICATIONS

10. The report refers to accommodation for young people leaving our care.

CONSULTATION INCLUDING WARD/COUNCILLORS

11. The review has been supported and informed by the Housing Services Team. The Committee has visited two current temporary accommodation providers, and has also received evidence from the Local Government Association Housing Advisor.
16. The Cabinet Members for Adult Social Care and Health, and Regeneration and Housing were consulted on the findings and recommendations of the Select Committee.

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Property: N/a