



# URGENT EXECUTIVE DELEGATED DECISION BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

BURNLEY TOWN HALL

## PRESENT

**OFFICERS** Alison McEwan - Democracy Officer

### 1. Acquisition of Properties for Temporary Accommodation

**Purpose** To seek approval to acquire six residential properties for the continued use of temporary accommodation for homeless households and for the Afghan Resettlement Programme.

**Reason For Decision**

1. To continue to use the three properties for temporary accommodation which have proven to be in good locations and popular with homeless families until permanent settled accommodation is found.
2. To reduce the ongoing revenue cost of temporary accommodation as the Council will no longer pay the annual lease cost to the property owners.
3. To have control of the temporary accommodation to ensure the properties are maintained to a good standard, well managed for homeless families and remain in use as temporary accommodation for as long as the Council determines there is a need.
4. To support the Government's Afghan resettlement programme by providing homes for those people who risked their lives alongside the British Armed Forces.
5. Immediately increase the number of Council owned temporary accommodation properties by three and over time an additional three as the Afghan families are re-housed into permanent social accommodation.

**Decision** That the Chief Executive using urgency powers under Part 3 of the Constitution (Executive Functions) and following consultation with the Executive Member:

1. Delegates authority to the Head of Housing and Development Control in consultation with the portfolio holder to enter into negotiations to acquire three occupied properties from accredited landlords for continued use as temporary accommodation.
2. Authorises the Head of Legal and Democratic Services to agree terms for the acquisition of the properties, in this report by agreement as an

alternative to compulsory purchase in accordance with the terms of delegation.

3. Authorises the Head of Legal & Democratic Services enter into an agreement with the Home Office to deliver the Local Authority Housing Fund 23-24 (Round 2) for the purposes of acquiring the three occupied properties for temporary accommodation as detailed in paragraph 2 and to acquire a further three empty properties to use as temporary accommodation for Afghan families.

In accordance with, and following the requirements set out in Paragraph 16 of Part 4.2 of the Constitution regarding the agreement of the Chair of the Scrutiny Committee, it is stated that in the opinion of the Chief Executive, this decision is an urgent one to ensure external funding is secured and is therefore not subject to call-in.

Decision made by: Lukman Patel, Chief Executive



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