



# URGENT EXECUTIVE DELEGATED DECISION BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

BURNLEY TOWN HALL

## PRESENT

**OFFICERS** Carol Eddleston - Democracy Officer

### 2. Local Authority Housing Fund (LAHF) for Temporary Accommodation

#### Purpose:

To seek approval to accept the additional funding from the Home Office to deliver a further three homes for continued use as temporary accommodation for general housing needs purposes.

#### Reasons for Decision:

1. To reduce the ongoing revenue cost of temporary accommodation as the Council will no longer pay the annual lease cost to the property owners.
2. 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.
3. To increase the number of Council owned temporary accommodation properties by three taking the total to twenty including the six from the Rough Sleeping Accommodation.

#### Decision:

That the Chief Executive using urgency powers under Part 3 of the Constitution (Executive Functions), and following consultation with the Executive Member, delegate authority to the Head of Legal & Democratic Services to agree and sign the addendum to the Council's existing MOU with the Home Office to deliver the additional funding from the Local Authority Housing Fund 23-24 for the purposes of acquiring a further three empty properties to use as temporary accommodation for general housing needs.

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 that external funding is secured and is therefore not subject to call-in.

Decision made by: Lukman Patel, Chief Executive

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