



ADUR & WORTHING
COUNCILS

**Worthing Cabinet Member for Citizen
Services
Adur Leader**

**Decision Ref No: JAW/002/23-24
Date of Decision: 13 June 2023**

If you have any questions about this decision please contact Democratic Services on 01903 221006 or email democratic.services@adur-worthing.gov.uk

Record of Decision: JAW/002/23-24 Emergency Accommodation Contract Award

Decision taken by:

Worthing Cabinet Member for Citizen Services
Adur Leader

Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests: WBC Cabinet Member for Citizen Services: I hereby confirm that I do not have any disclosable pecuniary interest in this item. ADC Leader: I hereby confirm that I do not have any disclosable pecuniary interest in this item.

Decision:

WBC Cabinet Member for Citizen Services: Subject to approval of planning permission, we approve a 10 year (5yr+5yr) service contract with a private sector emergency accommodation provider, with a total value of £7,780,776, to acquire nomination rights to 44 units of 24 hour staffed emergency accommodation for single people and delegate authority to the Director for Housing and Communities to enter into a service contract for the purpose of acquiring temporary accommodation.

ADC Leader: As this is essentially a Worthing issue, I am happy to follow the WBC Cabinet Member for Citizen Services' lead in making this decision.

Key Decision: Yes

Reason For Decision:

WBC Cabinet Member for Citizen Services: To enable the council to fulfil its statutory housing duties under S188 and S193 of the Housing Act 1996.

Alternative Options Considered:

Both WBC and ADC have commenced capital works programmes to purchase and develop their own temporary accommodation stock. So far three buildings have been developed to create 38 self-contained flats in Worthing and one building in Adur consisting of 6 self-contained flats. Whilst this is an effective long term strategy to lower the cost of temporary accommodation, it can take many months or years to develop each site and therefore this in isolation is not sufficient to keep up with current demand.

Other options include spot purchase of rooms and flats, however this is very costly and

unsustainable in the medium to long term as well as not being suitable for the majority of single person households due to level of need and risk that requires staffing.

Doing nothing and continuing to use nightly booked accommodation will see costs spiral and increased out of area placements and is therefore not recommended.

Other Matters Considered:

Legal Advice and Issues	x	Financial Advice and Issues	x
Sustainability Issues	x	Equality Issues	x
Community Safety Issues	x	Human Rights Issues	x
Reputation	x	Risk Assessment	x
Health & Safety Issues	x		

Consultation:

This report was circulated to Councillors, and published on the Council's website on 22 May 2023. The following consultation responses were noted by the decision maker: WBC Cabinet Member for Citizen Services: None

Background Papers:

- Financial appraisal
- Delivering Pathways to Affordable Homes
- Temporary Accommodation Placement and Procurement Strategy
- Housing Strategy 2020-23

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Call-in: The call-in deadline for this decision will be 5:00pm on 20 June 2023



Signed:

Date: 02/06/2023

Name: WBC Cabinet Member for Citizen Services, Councillor Emma Taylor-Beal

Signed:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N. Parkin', written in a cursive style.

Date: 09.06.2023

Name: ADC Leader, Councillor Neil Parkin

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