

## **Record of Decision**

### **Temporary Accommodation - Procurement and Strategy**

#### **Decision Taker**

Cabinet on 16 November 2021

#### **Decision**

1. That authority be delegated to the Divisional Director of Community & Customer Services in consultation with the Director of Finance, Cabinet Member for Economic Regeneration, Tourism and Housing and Cabinet Member for Corporate and Community Services, to award contracts to successful bidders on the Temporary Accommodation Framework Procurement; and
2. that the Temporary Accommodation Action Plan be noted.

#### **Reason for the Decision**

The proposed procurement will enable the Council to gain stability on the sufficiency and costs associated with this statutory function.

#### **Implementation**

This decision will come into force and may be implemented on 29 November 2021 unless the call-in procedure is triggered (as set out in the Standing Orders in relation to Overview and Scrutiny).

#### **Information**

The Council currently does not have any long term contracts for Temporary Accommodation Services and have been operating in the main on a spot purchase model.

The impact of not having significant contracts in place for these services have been:

- A decrease in availability of temporary accommodation - especially in the tourism sector due to increased demand (Covid Impact)
- Reduced control over associated spend due to significant fluctuations in market prices
- Lack of access to suitable temporary accommodation – particularly for larger families
- Poor contract compliance and management.

The procurement approach plans to secure a range of contracted and leased accommodation units through which the Council can provide good standard, appropriate temporary housing for those in need. It will also provide a framework for the Council to spot purchase additional units if required.

At the meeting Councillor Long proposed and Councillor Carter seconded a motion that was agreed unanimously by the Cabinet, as set out above.

## **Alternative Options considered and rejected at the time of the decision**

Alternative options were set out in the submitted report. The option being proposed is the preferred option as it enables the Council to undertake an open market procurement to secure the required number of units needed for the delivery of the Temporary Accommodation Service. The Council will also benefit from having a list of approved providers from which the Council can purchase additional units from on an 'as required' basis. This will also support any accommodation requirements as part of a response to an emergency incident.

## **Is this a Key Decision?**

No

## **Does the call-in procedure apply?**

Yes

**Declarations of interest** (including details of any relevant dispensations issued by the Standards Committee)

None

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Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Leader of Torbay Council on behalf of the Cabinet

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