

Record of Officer Decision

Turnkey Acquisitions for Social Housing - Proposed Letting Strategy for 14 homes at Site A in Torquay, and 4 homes at Site B in Paignton

Decision Taker and Date Decision Taken:

Chief Executive, in consultation with the Deputy Leader of the Council (in the absence of the Leader of the Council), on 10 October 2025.

Summary of Matter or Issue Requiring Decision:

Cabinet on 19 August 2025 approved delegated authority for the acquisition of 14 homes at Site A in Torquay, and 4 homes at Site B in Paignton. The Cabinet further delegated to the Chief Executive the split of the properties between those in temporary accommodation and care experienced young people.

As such the Chief Executive in consultation with the Deputy Leader of the Council (in the absence of the Leader of the Council) has given consideration to the type of accommodation that the two sites will provide and the needs of those in temporary accommodation and determined the split of the properties between those in temporary accommodation and care experienced young people.

Decision Taken:

That across the two sites:

11 properties are of 2+ bedrooms, where priority of allocation will be given to eligible households with children currently staying in Council-provided temporary accommodation.

The remaining 7 properties are 1-bedroom homes where priority of allocation will be given to eligible households that include a care experienced young person, with additional preference awarded to those care experienced young people currently occupying Council-provided temporary accommodation.

Summary of Reason(s) for Decision Taken:

To give effect to the decision made by Cabinet and to provide homes to Torbay families and care experienced young people who are currently residing in temporary accommodation.

Summary of Alternatives or Options considered and rejected and Background Papers:

The Cabinet in their decision made on 19 August 2025 gave a clear direction that the homes across site A and B should accommodate people currently in temporary accommodation and care experienced young people. The type and size of the accommodation was best suited to a mix of families with children and young people.

Details of any conflict of interest and dispensation granted to the Officer taking the decision or by any Member of the Council in delegating responsibility for any specific express delegation:

None.

Implementation:

This decision will be implemented immediately.

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Signed:
(Chief Executive)

Date: 10 October 2025