



DECISION RECORD

Gloucester City Council

Publication Date 8 November 2018

Decision Of	Cabinet		
Date of Decision	07 November 2018	Item No.	7
Title	Severe Weather Emergency Protocol (SWEP) 2018/2019		
Report Of	Cabinet Member for Communities and Neighbourhoods (Councillor Jennie Watkins)		
Report Author	Lloyd Griffiths, Head of Communities		
Wards Affected	All Wards	Key Decision	No
DECISION:			
<p>RESOLVED that changes to the SWEP 2018/2019 definition of 'Extreme Weather' and the additional support and protection this will provide are endorsed and welcomed.</p>			
REASON FOR DECISION:			
<p>Through the changes made to the Gloucestershire SWEP Protocol, the Council and its partners will be able to support those who are homeless and rough sleeping, during a wider range of severe weather conditions when they most need it.</p>			
ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:			
<p>There are no alternative options for consideration.</p>			
OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION:			
<p>None</p>			
CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (including any dispensations granted):			
<p>None</p>			
SCRUTINY (including details of call-in procedure where applicable):			
<p>This decision will come into force at the expiry of 5 working days from the date of the publication of the decision.</p> <p>Call-in Deadline: 16 November 2018</p>			

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE RECORD:

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Decision Maker:

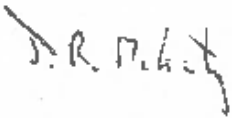
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Date: 07 November 2018

Proper Officer:

Jon McGinty
Managing Director



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Item No.

8

Title

Accessing the Private Rented Sector for Temporary & Permanent Accommodation

Report Of

Cabinet Member for Communities and Neighbourhoods (Councillor Jennie Watkins)

Report Author

Maxine Kyprianou

Wards Affected

All Wards

Key Decision

No

DECISION:

RESOLVED that:

- (1) the range of options as outlined in paragraphs 3.3 to 3.7 of the report be approved
- (2) the Head of Communities, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Communities and Neighbourhoods, be authorised to agree any variations to the scheme or the way in which deposits are protected.

REASON FOR DECISION:

The main reasons for the recommendations are associated with the desire to avoid single people, couples and families unnecessary long periods in short term hotel/bed and breakfast provision. The intention is either through prevention activity to relieve homelessness more quickly; increase the supply of housing or create greater access to the private rented market. The provision of self-contained homes where households can lead settled lives. It is unacceptable to MHCLG or families to reside in bed and breakfast for any longer than is absolutely necessary whilst more suitable longer term options are secured. To avoid or reduce the time and cost households spend in temporary accommodation including B&B and increase the chances of households of settling into permanent accommodation. Similar schemes have been operating in Southwark, Bournemouth and Bristol. A consultation took place at a Landlord Forum in Gloucester March this year, giving a PowerPoint presentation pitch, offering proposed incentives, the Landlords discussed wanting a deposit rent guarantee, the LHA rates are lower than the market rates an incentive to bridge the gap would be welcome and ongoing support if necessary through the life of the tenancy.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:

Our current approach to providing emergency accommodation, beyond our own or what is provided by our Registered Provider partners is to use bed and breakfast type establishments or other self-contained accommodation. Bed and Breakfast costs in 2017/18 amounted to £725,000. This takes account that through the previous scheme, we also paid out a total of £60,127.30 for rent in advance and deposits 2017/18.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION:

None

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (including any dispensations granted):

None

SCRUTINY (including details of call-in procedure where applicable):

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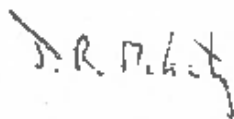
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9

Title

Business Rates - Request for Write-Off Approval over £100k

Report Of

Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources (Councillor David Norman MBE)

Report Author

Alison Bell, Intelligent Client Officer (Revenues & Benefits)

Wards Affected

All Wards

Key Decision

No

DECISION:

RESOLVED that the amounts detailed in paragraph 4.0 of the report be written off.

REASON FOR DECISION:

All avenues to collect these monies due have been unsuccessful. Enforcement officers have attempted to engage with all of the three parties named in this report. The limited companies have now been dissolved at Companies House and the 'Charity' has been struck off by the Charities Commission. The debts are old and there is no realistic prospect of recovering these debts. The age of the debt is due to the fact that the City Council have been exploring all avenues for the recovery of the debts, unfortunately this has been unsuccessful as we have now exhausted all lines of enquiry.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:

None

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION:

None

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (including any dispensations granted):

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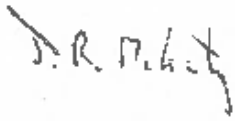
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CALL-IN PROCEDURE

Call-in should only be used in exceptional circumstances, such as where Members have evidence which suggests that the Cabinet did not take the decision in accordance with the principles set out in Article 13 (Decision Making) of the Council's Constitution.

Call-in of a decision must be requested within five working days of the publication of an executive decision. The request must be communicated in writing to the Corporate Director of Resources by at least five Members of the Council.

Implementation of a decision that has been called-in is suspended until such time as it has been considered by the Overview & Scrutiny Committee and re-considered by the Cabinet in light of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee's conclusions and any recommendations.

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