

DECISION NOTICE - CORONAVIRUS EMERGENCY RELATED

Key Executive Decision taken by an OFFICER

KEY DECISION

Suspending Lettings for any customers other than those who need to move out of temporary accommodation, those who need to move due to domestic abuse or those who are no longer able to remain in their home safely.

DECISION TAKER:

Name: Richard Protheroe

Job Title: Strategic Director

Signature:

Date: 8 January 2021

REASON WHY THIS DECISION DID NOT APPEAR ON THE FORWARD PLAN AND THE URGENCY PROVISIONS WERE NOT FOLLOWED:

This key decision outside the Council's Budget and Policy Framework was taken as part of the Council's emergency response to the national Coronavirus Emergency. Due to the necessary speed of decision taking at this time it was not possible to comply with the Council's Constitution that includes the requirement to give 28 days' notice of the decision to be taken; publish details 5 clear days before the decision was taken; publish the decision within 2 days of it being taken; and provide the 5 day call-in period before implementation. Nor was it possible to comply with the Urgency provisions in the Constitution

DECISION TAKEN:

The Housing and Investment service will temporarily suspend the choice based lettings bidding system for those on the waiting list. Only moves from temporary accommodation, or where someone can not safely remain in their home will be facilitated.

This decision is expected to be in place until at least mid-February in accordance with the current lockdown, but may extend beyond this subject to infection rates, any additional government guidance and staff resources.

REASONS FOR DECISION:

This decision has been taken in order to mitigate the spread of Coronavirus.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED:

N/A

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

The financial implications are deemed to be minimal at present, but will be monitored and kept under review.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:

There are no legal implications.

EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS:

This decision will affect every tenant in terms of the temporary cessation of non-essential repairs.

CONSULTATIONS:

Consultation has been undertaken with The Leader of the Council and the Executive Member for Housing, Health and Older People who were in agreement.

Consultation has also been undertaken with Richard Protheroe, Strategic Director who was also in agreement.

Chair of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee

I agree that this decision was reasonable in all the circumstances, was urgent and could not reasonably be deferred.

I further agree that any delay likely to be caused by the call -in process would prejudice the Council's or the public interest and that the decision should not therefore be subject to call-in.

Signed:

Chair of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Date:

DATE OF IMPLEMENTATION OF DECISION:

8 January 2021