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Dear Councillor

GENERAL EXCEPTION NOTICE – (GE03 23) APPROVAL OF PROVISION OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR REFUGEES AND GENERAL NEEDS TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION

Please find attached details of a decision to be taken by Councillor Pam Brivio, Portfolio Holder for Housing, Skills and Education, to approve the provision of three units of affordable housing for refugees and three units of general needs temporary accommodation (funded by the Local Authority Housing Fund (Round 2)).

This is a Key Decision which was not included in the Notice of Forthcoming Key Decisions. However, the decision may still be taken provided 5 clear days have elapsed between publishing the General Exception Notice and informing the Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, and the decision being taken.

Members of the public who require further information are asked to contact Democratic Services on 01304 872303 or by e-mail at democraticservices@dover.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kate Brivio - Smith". Below the signature is a short horizontal line.

Democratic Services Officer

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DEMOCRATIC SUPPORT SECTION ONLY	
Decision No:	<u>GE03</u>
Publication Date:	<u>22/06/23</u>

General Exception

Pursuant to the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012

Notice of Key Decision

A: Decision to be taken and by whom

Approval to provide three units of affordable housing for refugees and three units of general needs temporary accommodation (funded via the Government’s Local Authority Housing Fund (LAHF) Round 2)

Decision to be taken by Councillor Pam Brivio, Portfolio Holder for Housing, Skills and Education as a Decision Between Meetings

This is a Key Decision which has not been included within the Notice of Forthcoming Key Decisions, but which must be taken by such a date that it is impracticable to defer the decision until 28 days after the next Notice is published.

B: Reasons why this Key Decision was not included in the Notice of Forthcoming Key Decisions and why it would not be practicable to defer the decision

Round 2 Funding was provisionally awarded to local authorities by the Department of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities on 7 June 2023. If the Council wishes to accept the funding offered and the terms of the LAHF round 2, a validation form needs to be completed by 5 July 2023, with a Memorandum of Understanding to be signed by 19 July.

The award of funding could not have been foreseen when the relevant Notice of Forthcoming Key Decisions was published on 28 April. Furthermore, the tight deadlines mean that the decision cannot be deferred until Cabinet next meets on 5 July.

C: List of documents submitted to the decision-maker

Cabinet-style report.

D: Part of the Constitution authorising the decision

Rule 15 (General Exception Procedure) of the Access to Information Procedure Rules (Part 4 – Rules of Procedure).

- Notice must be given in the first instance to the Chairman of the relevant Scrutiny Committee
- The General Exception procedure allows a Key Decision which has been omitted from the Notice of Forthcoming Key Decisions to be taken, provided 5 clear days has elapsed between informing the Chairman of the relevant Scrutiny Committee and making a copy of this notice

available to the public (on the website and displayed in the Council Chamber lobby), and the decision being taken.

- Subject to any prohibition or restriction on their disclosure, copies of, or extracts from, documents submitted to the decision-maker in relation to the decision may be requested from the address given below. In addition, the public may submit other documents relevant to the decision to the same address.

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