



**DEMOCRATIC SUPPORT
SECTION ONLY**

Decision No: GE04
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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

To purchase a 3-bedroom terrace property as affordable housing for refugees (funded via the Government's Local Authority Housing Fund (LAHF) Round 1).

Decision to be taken by Councillor Pam Brivio, Portfolio Holder for Housing, Skills and Education.

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

On 6 March 2023 Cabinet approved the acquisition of 10 properties via the Local Authority Housing Fund – Round 1, with further decisions delegated to the Head of Finance and Investment (CAB 101).

This property has been identified as suitable for acquisition via the fund. However, as the property is currently owned by a Dover District Council employee, the Strategic Director (Corporate and Regulatory) has requested that a new decision specific to the acquisition of this property is taken by Members.

A timely decision needs to be taken in order to secure the property. It is therefore not practicable to defer the decision until the next scheduled Cabinet meeting in September.

C: List of documents submitted to the decision-maker

- Cabinet Style Report.
- Independent Chartered Surveyor's survey and valuation 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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