

Written statement of a key decision
Cabinet Member housing, regulatory services and community

Title	Temporary Accommodation Policy and Procurement
Decision maker	Cabinet Member housing, regulatory services and community Information about cabinet, including the names and contact details of the cabinet members, can be found here: http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=251
Date of decision	2 February 2023
Report exemption class	Open
Reason for being a key decision	<p>This is a key decision because it is likely to result in the council incurring expenditure which is, or the making of savings which are, significant having regard to the council's budget for the service or function concerned. A threshold of £500,000 is regarded as significant.</p> <p>This is a key decision because it is likely to be significant having regard to: the strategic nature of the decision; and / or whether the outcome will have an impact, for better or worse, on the amenity of the community or quality of service provided by the authority to a significant number of people living or working in the locality (two or more wards) affected.</p>
A notice was served in accordance with Part 3 (Key decisions) of The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012.	
General exception or special urgency (as defined in the constitution)	No
Purpose	The purpose of this report is to seek approval for the implementation of the Temporary Accommodation Policy.
Decision	That: a) The Temporary Accommodation Procurement and Placement Policy 2023– 2026 is approved; b) Authority to be delegated to the Director of Community Wellbeing Directorate to make all operational decisions to implement this policy.
Reason for the decision	As set out in the report. Documents relating to this decision are

	available at http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mglIssueHistoryHome.aspx?IId=50040908
Options considered	<p>1. To not adopt the policy as recommended above. Whilst the Supreme Court judgement recommendations in the case of (TN) Nzolamenso v Westminster City Council (2 April 2015) are not a statutory requirement, they are considered to be best practice and a failure by Herefordshire Council to adopt them, could make it harder for the Council to defend its actions, if challenged through the courts.</p> <p>2. Mini competitions to secure Temporary Accommodation have been discounted as they are deemed to be too time intensive each time temporary accommodation is required and not able to be operated with sufficient dynamism.</p> <p>3. A Dynamic Purchasing System was considered and has been discounted as it is deemed to add unnecessary layers of administration to the work of the Temporary Accommodation Team.</p>
Declarations of interest (see below)	
Call-in expiry date (decisions are not subject to call-in where special urgency provisions apply)	8 February 2023

Councillor:	Date 2 February 2023
Cabinet Member housing, regulatory services and community (Councillor Ange Tyler)	

- a record of any conflict of interest declared by any executive member who is consulted by the member which relates to the decision;

and

- in respect of any declared conflict of interest, a note of dispensation granted.