

Urgent Cabinet Report/Delegated Decision Form

Report/Decision Title	Ormesby Road Supported Living Delegated Power 455: Exemption The award is for emergency social care, special educational needs, or residential care that is required in circumstances of extreme urgency in order to meet the Council's statutory requirements.
Date of request	28 th June 2022
Date of meeting/decision	5 th July 2022

Urgent – General Exception - Reasons for urgency outlined below

RCVDA housing CiC is formally informing the council that it can no longer continue to provide the services at 58 Ormesby Road. The Housing Regulator is issuing a legal notice on its website saying that RCVDA Housing CiC can no longer meet its obligations to continue as a registered provider and that the HCIC will issue a moratorium so that nothing can be done with its business. The regulator will then advise on its next steps.

The urgency is to prevent the need to move the 6 young people and close the scheme leaving vulnerable young people without support due to the short timescale served upon us. We have worked with NEHelp CiC to take over the lease from the building owners and to undertake the running of the scheme allowing the supported living scheme to continue.

I confirm that the relevant chair of Scrutiny and Improvement Committee (or if there is not chair, the whole committee individually) and the Cabinet Member have been informed by notice in writing of the decision to be taken.

Officer name (Delegated Power Author)	Andrew Hames	Officer Signature		Date	28.06.2022
Assistant Director Name	Vicky McLeod	Assistant Director signature		Date	28.06.2022

This urgent report/decision has been seen and agreed by the following:

Officer / Member	Signature
Managing Director	
Section 151 Officer	
Monitoring Officer	

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Are the details of the decision to be public or confidential?

Public

If the details of the decision are confidential, please select the category for exemption under the Local Government Act 1972

Choose an item.

Reference	CF-22-031
Corporate Plan Priority	Meeting Residents' Needs
Delegation Title	Ormesby Road Supported Living
Delegated Power Number	Delegated Power 455: Exemption The award is for emergency social care, special educational needs, or residential care that is required in circumstances of extreme urgency in order to meet the Council's statutory requirements.
Date of Exercise	27/06/2022
Cabinet Member	Cllr Alison Barnes
Assistant Director	Victoria McLeod

Type of Decision (Key/Executive/Non-Executive) See Scheme of Delegation to Officers – Council Constitution	Key - Executive
FOR KEY DECISIONS ONLY	
Delegated Power Forward Plan Ref	If a key decision has not been published in the forward plan at least 28 days in advance of the decision being taken, then the urgency or special urgency rules must be applied, and relevant forms completed in conjunction with Democratic Services
Delegated Power Forward Plan Ref	
Date Decision Published in Forward Plan	Click or tap to enter a date. To be completed by Democratic Services
Urgency (For Key Decisions not included in Forward Plan only)	Urgent - General Exception - Forms Attached

Background to Decision:

To help meet our legislative requirements which place a duty on the Local Authority to assess the needs of a young person and then provide suitable and appropriate accommodation and support from a range of options, we previously commissioned an independent supported Living Scheme for young people 16 plus in to help meet our sufficiency requirements and the needs of young people to prepare them for independent living.

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Due to unforeseen circumstances, it has not been possible to proceed with our planned new arrangements, leaving a gap in provision which initially means the young people living within the current scheme would become homeless on its closure on the 30th June 2022.

Given the circumstances of extreme urgency in relation to time frames to meet the Council's statutory requirements, and to meet the needs of the young people, we are seeking to enter into a 12-month agreement with a provider for the delivery of a 6-bed independent supported living scheme for Children in our Care, Care Leavers and Unaccompanied Asylum Seekers. This will allow time for a formal review and options appraisal to determine future direction.

Ofsted are to regulate supported Living Schemes from April 2023 and we would propose to go out to the market in late 2023 once the requirements are known.

Decision Considerations:

The exemption is required to maintain services for the Young Children, to meet our statutory duties and allow for services to be reviewed to achieve better outcomes for young people in our borough

Full details of decision:

Approval is requested to enter into an agreement with Community Led Generation CiC for the provision of a 6-bed independent living scheme for young people 16 plus.

Agreement Term 1st July 2023 through to the 30th June 2023 with an optional 6 month extension.

Financial detail:

The proposed contract value would be up to a maximum value for 12 months £271,434
Full contract value for 18 months is £407,151

To be funded through Supported Housing Budget and UASC Budget

Delivering Social Value:

The scheme will deliver Social Value through the support it provides. In addition, the scheme is operated by an organisation which will offer apprenticeships / work experience and seek to find local employment for our young people.

Reasons for Decision:

To meet the Council's statutory requirements, and to meet the needs of the young people who may become homeless.

Details of alternative options considered (if any) and reasons for rejection:

To go out to the market advertising the opportunity – We have undertaken a procurement exercise which did not progress due to affordability. Current time scales and the pending Ofsted

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registration for Supported Living schemes would not allow a second opportunity to be advertised until it is clear what is required.

Details of any conflict of interest declared by any Elected Member consulted in relation to the decision:

Details of any dispensation granted in respect of any conflict of interest:

Background Papers:

Officer Name (Print)	Andrew Hames
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Officer Signature	
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Submission date	27.06.2022
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Procurement Approval	Request Complies with Contract Procedure Rules
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Signatures

CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN	Date 29/06/2022
CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER	Date 05/07/2022
CHIEF LEGAL OFFICER	Date 30/06/2022
CORPORATE DIRECTOR FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES	Date 29/06/2022

Call-In (Key Decisions Only)

Call-In to be dis-applied due to urgency, reasons as follows:

The urgency is to prevent the need to move the 6 young people and close the scheme leaving vulnerable young people without support due to the short timescale served upon the Council. We have worked with NEHelp CiC to agree a contract to assume the lease from the building owners and to undertake the running of the scheme from 1st July 2022 allowing the supported living scheme to continue.

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Date Decision will become effective	Click or tap to enter a date. To be completed by Democratic Services – date will be not less than expiry of 5 working days from publication unless urgency applies.
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