

Item CB 18/25 referred from Cabinet minutes of 20 March 2018

CB 18/25 PURCHASE OF TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION

The joint report of the Director of Planning, Housing and Environmental Health and Director of Central Services set out the need for access to additional temporary accommodation in order to address both housing management and cost issues in dealing with applications under homelessness legislation. The report presented a preferred way of moving forward in the short term utilising funds from planning obligations. Consideration was given to a Capital Plan evaluation for the purchase of property for temporary accommodation purposes.

Members welcomed the proposal and expressed the wish that the accommodation should be within the Borough where possible although it was recognised that it might be necessary to look beyond the boundary to obtain best value.

RECOMMENDED: That

- (1) the sum of up to £1.6m be added to the Capital Plan for the purchase of property for temporary accommodation purposes funded from section 106 monies; and
- (2) delegated authority be granted to the Director of Planning, Housing and Environmental Health and Director of Central Services, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Housing and Cabinet Member for Finance, Innovation and Property, to progress the purchase of property for temporary accommodation purposes as set out in the report.

***Referred to Council**