

Report of the Portfolio Holder for Housing

Temporary Accommodation Policies

1. Purpose of Report

To seek approval for two new policies relating to temporary accommodation.

2. Recommendation

Cabinet is asked to RESOLVE that the Temporary Accommodation Placement Policy and the Temporary Accommodation Charging Policy be approved.

3. Detail

In December 2025, the Government published a new homelessness strategy 'A National Plan to End Homelessness'. There are several new requirements for the Council under this strategy, including creation of two policies in relation to temporary accommodation. There are two separate policies, one regarding placements and one regarding charging as required.

The Temporary Accommodation Placement Policy explains how the Council allocates, manages and assesses the suitability of temporary accommodation provided under its homelessness duties and powers contained within Part 7 of the Housing Act 1996.

The Temporary Accommodation Placement Policy and EIA are included as **Appendix 1** and **Appendix 2**.

The Temporary Accommodation Charging Policy ensures that temporary accommodation charges are set and applied in a clear transparent manner.

The Temporary Accommodation Charging Policy and EIA are included as **Appendix 3** and **Appendix 4**.

Both policies have been considered by the Policy Overview Working Group.

4. Financial Implications

The comments from the Deputy Chief Executive and Section 151 Officer were as follows:

There are no additional financial implications to consider with the ongoing business as usual activities being met from within existing resources and grants.

5. Legal Implications

The comments from the Monitoring Officer / Head of Legal Services were as follows:

Relevant legislation and case law is outlined in the policies.

6. Human Resources Implications

Not applicable.

7. Union Comments

Not applicable.

8. Climate Change Implications

Any climate change implications are contained within the report.

9. Data Protection Compliance Implications

This report does not contain any OFFICIAL(SENSITIVE) information and there are no Data Protection issues in relation to this report.

10. Equality Impact Assessment

As these are new policies, equality impact assessments are included in the appendices to this report.

11. Background Papers

Nil.