

INDIVIDUAL CABINET MEMBER DECISION-MAKING

RECORD OF DECISION

PART A

DETAILS OF REPORT <i>(Officers to complete this section prior to issuing to cabinet member)</i>	
Title of report	Temporary Accommodation Allocation, Procurement and PRSO Policies
Decision-maker	Cabinet Member for Housing and Modernisation
Earliest date when decision can be taken	2 July 2019
Key decision – Yes/No?	Yes
Date published on forward plan	
Date sent to cabinet member	24 June 2019
Recommendation	<p>1. To agree to publish and implement changes to the homelessness policy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Accommodation Procurement Policy for homeless households - Appendix 1. • The Private Rented Sector Offers Policy for homeless households - Appendix 2. • The Revised Temporary Accommodation lettings framework - Appendix 3. <p>2. To note that homeless households in temporary accommodation placed outside of the borough will retain their rights to bid for Southwark's permanent social housing.</p>

ORIGINATING AUTHOR'S DETAILS <i>(Officers to complete this section prior to issuing to cabinet member)</i>	
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PART B

(Cabinet member to complete this section)

DECISION(S)

As per the report with the following amendments to the appendices:

Appendix 1: Accommodation Procurement Policy for Homeless Households

Insert new 4th bullet point under paragraph 21: "The council's first priority will be to secure accommodation in Southwark, where it is not possible to secure good quality affordable accommodation in Southwark the council will next look in surrounding boroughs, then in other London boroughs and then in other areas within the M25. The council will also work to secure accommodation for those households who wish to live outside of this area."

Amend text on Chart 1 on page 5 from "Other areas in line with policy within 90 minutes by bus of London Borough of Southwark" to "Other areas within the M25"

Appendix 2: Private Rented Sector Offers Policy for Homeless Households

Amend the 3rd bullet point under paragraph 13 from: "PRSOs will be restricted to 90 minutes journey time by bus from either Southwark or the household's existing location." to "Accommodation will be in or close to Southwark. Unless the household requests a move to a location that is further away, the accommodation offered will be within 90 minutes reasonable journey time by public transport from the address the household was living at before they became homeless and will also be within the M25. Travel times will be measured using the Transport for London online Journey Planner."

Appendix 3: Temporary Accommodation Lettings Framework

Inserts new paragraph on page 3: "Unless you request accommodation in a location that is further away, we will offer you accommodation within 90 minutes reasonable journey time by public transport from where you were living before you became homeless, this will also be within the M25 area. Travel times will be measured using the Transport for London online Journey Planner."

Amend text on diagram on page 3 from "Other areas in line with policy within 90 minutes by bus of London Borough of Southwark" to "Other areas within the M25"

Amend end of 7th bullet point on page 5 from "90 minutes travelling distance of their school or college and we acknowledge this time will be via a journey by bus due to affordability of transport." to "90 minutes travelling distance by bus of their school or college, alternatively where the journey is possible within 90 minutes by train, tube or tram but not by bus the council will meet the cost difference between the bus fare and the fare using the train, tube or tram."

Insert a new paragraph after the 5th paragraph on page 6. "If you wish to keep your children in their current school the council will seek to offer you accommodation within 90 minutes journey time by public transport from their school. Where this journey to take the children in your household to and from this existing school is possible within 90 minutes by train, tube or tram but not by bus the council will pay the difference in cost between the bus fare and the fare using the train, tube or tram"

REASONS FOR DECISION

As per report

**ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS
CONSIDERED**

As per report

REPRESENTATIONS RECEIVED

None

ADDITIONAL ADVICE RECEIVED

I have sought advice from the Strategic Director, Housing and Modernisation and Head of Housing Solutions on the above amendments to the appendices and have been advised that these can legally, reasonably and practically be accommodated and implemented by the service and that any costs arising from them can be met from within the service's existing budget.

ANY INTERESTS DECLARED

Note: If the decision-maker has a disclosable pecuniary interest in the matter the report must be referred to the full cabinet for decision.

Where a cabinet member may discharge a function alone and becomes aware of a disclosable pecuniary interest in a matter being dealt with or to be dealt with by her/him, the cabinet member must notify the monitoring officer of the interest within 28 days and must not take any steps or further steps in the matter.

If a member is unsure as to whether an interest is a disclosable pecuniary interest they should contact the governance team for advice.

None

DECLARATION

I approve/~~reject~~ the recommendations set out in the report.*

or

~~I approved an alternative course of action set out in Part B.~~

or

~~I have referred this matter to the Full Cabinet for decision.*~~

(* - Please delete as appropriate)

Signed.....

Dated.....

Cabinet Member

Please return completed hard copy of the form to Chidilim Agada, Constitutional Team, 160 Tooley Street, PO BOX 64529, London, SE1P 5LX – tel: 020 7525 7330 fax: 020 7525 7284.

Seeking advice

You should seek advice from the relevant officer on a number of occasions:

- (a) If you wish to consider alternative options
- (b) If you are considering rejecting the proposals

Otherwise it is at your discretion when you should seek further advice and you should do so when you consider it appropriate.