



HARTLEPOOL BOROUGH COUNCIL

OFFICER DECISION RECORD

Department: Regeneration & Neighbourhoods Directorate

Division: Strategic Asset Management Section

Date of Decision / Issue of Licence: 19/06/2020

Officer Making Decision: Tim Wynn (Strategic Asset Manager)

Subject / Description & Reason for Decision: Extension of letting of various properties for the provision of temporary asylum accommodation.

A new provider has been awarded the contract by The Home Office for the provision and running of asylum seeker accommodation across the country. Hartlepool Borough Council has already let certain of its long term void properties by way of separate lettings to this company. The company required further short term accommodation of 8 houses until they completed works to all accommodation in Hartlepool to avoid asylum seekers being temporarily accommodated out of the region. This avoided extended travelling time for children already attending school in Hartlepool. This period was to end on 19th June 2020.

The Home Office have now prohibited the movement of groups such as asylum seekers whilst Coronavirus provisions are in place, necessitating the extension of the letting for the subject properties.

Each letting is to be outside the provisions of the Landlord and Tenant Act 1954, on full repairing and insuring terms, for a period of 6 months. There is to be provision for the breaking of the leases by either party after 3 months upon the giving of 1 months' notice, providing movement restrictions aren't still in place. The use of the properties is solely to be for the provision of asylum accommodation.

ODR No.: 20/44

Type of Decision: Non Key

Nature of Delegation Being Exercised: Committee Delegated Authority

The Director of Regeneration and Neighbourhoods and the Chief Solicitor have delegated powers for a variety of transactions within £100,000 in capital value and £50,000 in rental value (annual figure). The powers are to approve land and property disposals and acquisitions, leases, lettings, licences, wayleaves, easements, undertaking and concluding rent reviews, lease renewals and the release and amendments of restrictions, covenants and other land and property matters.

Delegated Powers Authorisation was given on 24 May 2019 by the Director of Regeneration and Neighbourhoods and the Chief Solicitor to the Strategic Asset Manager.

Alternative Options Considered & Rejected: None. Such extension is necessitated by the Home Office ordering that such occupants are not to be moved whilst current restrictions are in place.

Any Declared Register of Interest No

OFFICER WITH THE DELEGATION

NAME: _____
Denise McGuckin

POSITION: _____
Director of Regeneration and Neighbourhoods

DATE: _____