



Hartlepool
Borough Council

OFFICER DECISION RECORD

Department: Neighbourhoods and Regulatory Services

Division:

Date of Decision / Issue
of Licence: 01/12/2025

Officer Making Decision: MR KA BOSTOCK

Subject / Description &
Reason for Decision:
(for publication)

Letting of 3 houses to NACRO (National Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders)

In 2018 the Council agreed to the letting of 3 void properties, from its own Housing Revenue Account (HRA) stock to NACRO to meet the needs of the organisation: -

The leases were renewed in 2022 and have now expired and terms have been agreed to renew the leases from 1st October 2025

NACRO have confirmed that the properties are not to be used as bail hostels. They receive referrals from other agencies, such as Housing Options, Probation, Prison, DWP, for individuals who require accommodation. Each individual is assessed by a member of staff to identify whether NACRO are an appropriate service for the individual and can meet their needs. NACRO then work with the people who are low to medium risk.

The service provided by NACRO is intensive housing management which includes support with budgeting, benefits, reducing barriers to move on to independent accommodation, weekly visits and monthly health and safety inspections, signposting and referring to additional support, working in partnership with other third sector organisations and statutory services and move on support.

NACRO have leased properties successfully from the Council for over 7 years and the Council have not had any issues concerning their occupants or the management service NACRO provide.

The lettings will result in a guaranteed income for 3 years for three difficult to let properties and assist in the delivery of NACRO's programme.

It is therefore recommended that authority is given to let the properties.

Type of Decision:

Non Key

Nature of Delegation
Being Exercised:

EDDNRS223

Power to approve land and property disposal, 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 within prescribed thresholds as set out in the Finance and Policy committee arrangements

Alternative Options

Considered & Rejected:

Not to renew the leases was rejected as the houses would likely remain vacant for prolonged period.

The respective individual lettings not only provide invaluable assistance to NACRO's programme but secures the letting of low demand long term vacant properties for the Councils stock and provide extra income for the Council's Housing Revenue Account.

Any Declared Register of Interest: No

Other Considerations:

OFFICER WITH THE DELEGATION

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POSITION: Director of Neighbourhoods & Reg Servs

IN CONSULTATION WITH...