



Record of Officer's Decision

The Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014 and the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012

Date of Decision:	<i>6 September 2022</i>
Decision Maker (Officer):	<i>Chief Executive</i>
Authority for Delegated Decision (Cabinet/Committee Decision or Scheme of Delegation – provide reference):	<i>Part 3, Schedule 2 – Responsibility for Council (Non-Executive) Functions delegated to Officers - the Chief Executive No. 10 (Part 3.9) - Power to authorise compensation payments up to a maximum of £5,000 as a result of Local Governance & Social Care Ombudsman recommendations or by virtue of the Corporate Complaints Procedure.</i>
Identify which Portfolio Holder(s)/Committee Chairman consulted?	<i>Cllr Giancarlo Guglielmi, Portfolio Holder for Corporate Finance and Governance and Cllr Paul Honeywood, Portfolio Holder for Housing</i>
Ward Member(s) consulted?	<i>Not applicable</i>
Is it a Key Decision?	<i>No</i>
Is it subject to call-in?	<i>No.</i>
Decision Made:	<i>To authorise payments totalling £500 where there was a finding of fault by the Council due to it not taking the opportunity to review housing needs in 2019 and from its council tax debt recovery agents not returning the case to the council in the particular circumstances of the case.</i>
Reason for Decision (if a report was produced to support the Decision, refer to or attach it):	<i>The case involves two individuals. The Ombudsman has reviewed the circumstances of the issues involved in the case and recommended that one be paid a sum of £200 and the other be paid £300. Both payments are within the 'modest' level of payments where the Ombudsman has found fault by a Council. Further details of the circumstances, and the actions of the</i>

	<i>Council and its agent, will be submitted in a report to the Council's Cabinet.</i>	
Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:	<i>There is a reputational risk to the Council if it was not actioned. The Council has advised the Ombudsman that it accepts its recommendations.</i>	
Details of any Alternative Options Considered and rejected (together with reasons):	<i>Not to abide by the recommendations. This was rejected for the reasons set out in this decision record.</i>	
Details of any declarations of interest (by Portfolio Holder/Committee Chairman who was consulted by the officer, which related to the decision) If relevant, a note of the dispensation granted by the Monitoring Officer:	<i>None.</i>	
Reason Decision, or supporting Report, is not published:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>Not applicable – Decision [and report] to be published</i>
<i>Tick one or more of the specific exemptions,</i> <u>and</u> <i>Give more information in the final box with regards to why the exemption applies and outweighs the public interest test (which is in favour of disclosure).</i>	<i>If Report is not to be published – tick one of the following boxes:</i>	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>The report supporting the Decision contains confidential information</i>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>The Report supporting the Decision falls within an exemption pursuant to Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 Information:</i>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>• Relates to an individual</i>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>• Likely to reveal the identity of an individual</i>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>• Relating to financial or business affairs of a person or organisation</i>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>• Relates to a claim for legal professional privilege in legal proceedings</i>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>• Reveals that the Council proposes to give under any enactment a notice under or by virtue of which requirements are imposed on a person; or to make an order or direction under any enactment</i>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>• Relating to any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime</i>

	<p>And is exempt if and so long, as in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information</p> <p>Reasons: [insert]</p>
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Officers

Signed:



Title: Chief Executive

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In consultation with:

Signed:

Portfolio Holder For Housing

Signed:

Section 151 Officer (if required)

Signed:

Monitoring Officer (if required)

Dated: 6 September 2022

