

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:	15 May 2025
Decision Maker (Officer):	Damian Williams Corporate Director, Operations and Delivery
Authority for Delegated Decision (Cabinet/Committee Decision or Scheme of Delegation – provide reference):	Part 3, Schedule 3 – Responsibility for Executive Functions delegated to Officers paragraph 4.3 (1) – the Corporate Director has delegated authority to discharge executive functions within their respective service areas (Part 3.38). All delegations are subject to consultation where considered appropriate in the circumstances (paragraph 4.3 (4(ii) – Part 3.39).
Identify which Portfolio Holder(s)/Committee Chairman consulted?	Housing Portfolio Holder
Ward Member(s) consulted?	No
Is it a Key Decision?	No
Is it subject to call-in?	No
Decision Made:	The Corporate Director (Operations and Delivery) agrees to fund Derek Crossfield House in Clacton on Sea for a further period of six months using funds from the Homelessness Prevention Grant allocation for 2025/26 and pending a procurement exercise regarding future provision.
Reason for Decision (if a report was produced to support the Decision, refer to or attach it):	As set out in the supporting report.
Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:	The costs associated with this decision will be met by the funding received from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government as part of the Homelessness Prevention Grant allocation for 2025/26.

Details of any Alternative Options Considered and rejected (together with reasons):	Not to provide the funding. However, the scheme is thought to be unique in the type of service that it provides to young parents who might otherwise be unable to sustain a tenancy putting them at risk of homelessness. This would then place a pressure on the Housing Solutions team and other and other public sector services. A procurement exercise will be undertaken later in the year to test the market provision	
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:	N/A	
Reason Decision, or supporting Report, is not published: <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>	Y	Not applicable.
		The report supporting the Decision contains confidential information
		The Report supporting the Decision falls within an exemption pursuant to Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 Information:
		• Relates to an individual
		• Likely to reveal the identity of an individual
		• Relating to financial or business affairs of a person or organisation
		• Relates to a claim for legal professional privilege in legal proceedings
		• 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
		• Relating to any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime
	<u>And</u> 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	

	Reasons: N/A
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Officers

Signed: 

Title: Corporate Director (Operations and Delivery)

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In consultation with:

Signed:

Portfolio Holder For Housing

Signed:

Section 151 Officer (if required)

Signed:

Monitoring Officer (if required)

Dated: 15 May 2025