

# Decision Recording Form

Decision determined at Homes and Housing Delivery  
Policy Committee meeting on 13 December 2024



## Committee Members present:

Councillor Richard Eddy (Vice-Chair, Chaired the meeting in Councillor Barry Parsons absence)  
Councillor Jos Clark  
Councillor Zoë Peat  
Councillor Lisa Stone  
Councillor Jerome Thomas  
Councillor Sibusiso Tshabalala  
Councillor Ed Fraser (substitute for Councillor Barry Parsons)

## Apologies:

Councillor Barry Parsons  
Councillor Paul Goggin

*Deadline for Escalation Panel referral – 5pm, Friday 20 December 2024*

<b>(a)</b>	<b>Subject:</b>	5-Year Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy (agenda item 7)
<b>(b)</b>	<b>Ward:</b>	Citywide
<b>(c)</b>	<b>Declarations of interest:</b>	None
<b>(d)</b>	<b>Decision taken</b>	<p><b>The Committee for Homes and Housing Delivery RESOLVED (unanimously) to:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Approve the Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy 2025-2030 and accompanying Action Plan (2025).</li></ul>



<b>(e)</b>	<b>Exempt Information?</b>  Open
<b>(f)</b>	<b>Decision made in exempt session?</b>  No
<b>(g)</b>	<b>Additional information at the meeting/documents taken into account:</b>  None
<b>(h)</b>	<b>Reason for decision:</b>  As set out in the report.



*Deadline for Escalation Panel referral – N/A*

<b>(a)</b>	<b>Subject:</b>	Tackling Homelessness Transformation Programme (agenda item 8)
<b>(b)</b>	<b>Ward:</b>	Citywide
<b>(c)</b>	<b>Declarations of interest:</b>  None	
<b>(d)</b>	<b>Decision taken</b>  <b>The Committee for Homes and Housing Delivery RESOLVED to:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Note that the report states that the Tackling Homelessness Programme’s financial objectives include £3,593,000 of recurring subsidy loss reduction in 24/25 and a further £4,634,000 of recurring subsidy loss reduction in 25/26. The programme is working on additional initiatives that will result in even further subsidy loss reduction, amount to be confirmed.</li> <li>2. Note that the report states that as per rebaselining at CLB on 12 November 2024, the Tackling Homelessness Programme budget is £2,748,165 for 24/25 (plus contingency held centrally by CLB).</li> <li>3. Note that as per baselining at CLB on 28 May 2024, no funding has yet been approved for 2025/26, but is expected to be around £1,633,348 for 25/26 (excluding the New Uses of RPs project).</li> </ol>	
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<b>(h)</b>	<b>Reason for decision:</b>  As set out in the report.
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<b>(a)</b>	<b>Subject:</b>	Framework Contract for Temporary Accommodation (agenda item 9)
<b>(b)</b>	<b>Ward:</b>	Citywide
<b>(c)</b>	<b>Declarations of interest:</b>  None	
<b>(d)</b>	<b>Decision taken</b>  <b>That the Committee for Homes and Housing Delivery RESOLVED (unanimously) to:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Authorise the Executive Director of Growth and Regeneration in consultation with Chair of the Homes and Housing Delivery Committee to take all steps required to increase the contract value with Click Travel by an additional £1.8m until March 2026 to secure hotel accommodation for clients who are homeless, in-line with the procurement routes and maximum budget envelopes outlined in the report.</li> <li>2. Authorise the Executive Director of Growth and Regeneration to invoke any subsequent extensions/variations specifically defined in the contract(s) being awarded, up to the maximum budget envelope outlined in the report.</li> </ol>	
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<b>(a)</b>	<b>Subject:</b>	Using general needs council housing as temporary accommodation (agenda item 10)
<b>(b)</b>	<b>Ward:</b>	Citywide
<b>(c)</b>	<b>Declarations of interest:</b>  None	
<b>(d)</b>	<b>Decision taken</b>  <b>The Committee for Homes and Housing Delivery RESOLVED (6 for, 1 against) to:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Approve the use of properties that become available for letting from the stock of 'general needs' housing for use as temporary accommodation for a period of two years, with a review after 1 year.</li> <li>2. Confirm that the preferred option for the annual limit of the number of properties to be transferred would be 180 (Option 3 in the published report).</li> <li>3. Authorise the Executive Director – Growth and Regeneration in consultation with the Chair of the Homes and Housing Delivery Committee and the Director of Finance (S151 Officer) to take all steps required to implement the decision of the Committee under recommendations 1 and 2 to transfer properties, that become available for letting in the stock of 'general needs' housing, to be used for temporary accommodation, for a period of 2 years with a review after one year in accordance with the terms stipulated by the committee and as outlined in the report.</li> </ol>	
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<b>(h)</b>	<b>Reason for decision:</b>  As set out in the report.



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<b>(a)</b>	<b>Subject:</b>	Waking Watch (agenda item 11)
<b>(b)</b>	<b>Ward:</b>	Citywide
<b>(c)</b>	<b>Declarations of interest:</b>	None
<b>(d)</b>	<b>Decision taken</b>	<p><b>The Committee for Homes and Housing Delivery RESOLVED (unanimously) to:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Approve the expenditure as set out in this report to continue providing waking watch services to the required high-risk blocks until the remediation works have been completed, via existing programmes of work in line with the proposals set out above in the report.</li> <li>2. Authorise the Executive Director of Growth and Regeneration in consultation with the Chair of the Homes and Housing Delivery Committee to take all steps required to extend existing contracts and procure and award a new Waking Watch contract, in-line with the procurement routes and maximum budget envelopes outlined in this report.</li> </ol>
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<b>(a)</b>	<b>Subject:</b>	Housing & Consumer Standards Programme and Compliance Update (agenda item 12)
<b>(b)</b>	<b>Ward:</b>	Citywide
<b>(c)</b>	<b>Declarations of interest:</b>  None	
<b>(d)</b>	<b>Decision taken</b>  <b>The Committee for Homes &amp; Housing Delivery RESOLVED to:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Note the Housing &amp; Consumer Standards Programme (H&amp;CSP) improvement plan summary.</li> <li>2. Note the H&amp;CSP landlord compliance programme backlog performance report.</li> <li>3. Note the business-as-usual landlord compliance performance report</li> <li>4. Note the 'root cause' reviews update.</li> <li>5. Note the draft Improvement Strategy.</li> <li>6. Note the feedback from the recent Housing Scrutiny Panel and winter Housing Forums.</li> <li>7. Note on the update from the latest regulatory review meeting with the Regulator of Social Housing.</li> </ol>	
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<b>(a)</b>	<b>Subject:</b>	Finance report update (agenda item 13)
<b>(b)</b>	<b>Ward:</b>	Citywide
<b>(c)</b>	<b>Declarations of interest:</b>	None
<b>(d)</b>	<b>Decision taken</b>	<p><b>The Committee for Homes and Housing Delivery RESOLVED to:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Note the report on the P6 forecast for Housing and Landlord Services.</li> </ul>
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<b>(a)</b>	<b>Subject:</b>	Q2 Corporate Risk report (agenda item 14)
<b>(b)</b>	<b>Ward:</b>	Citywide
<b>(c)</b>	<b>Declarations of interest:</b>	None
<b>(d)</b>	<b>Decision taken</b>	<b>The Committee for Homes and Housing Delivery RESOLVED to:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Note the Q2 2024/25 Corporate Risk Report.</li></ul>
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