

Supplementary Estimates

for the year ending 31 March 2023

Date of Request: **17/10/2022**

Date of Mayor / Cabinet endorsement: **01/11/2022**

Executive Director: Stephen Peacock

Cabinet Member: Councillor Cheney and Councillor Renhard

DECISION REQUIRED:

The demand of Temporary Accommodation assumes increase budget pressure due to the negative economic aftereffects of COVID and general cost of living. BCC has seen significant increase in the number of families placed in temporary accommodation. Due to limited availability of affordable properties in the market, BCC use of more expensive providers has increased to meet the growing demand.

Emergency accommodation (B&B) rates have risen significantly in this financial year.

Cabinet is asked to approve the one-off budget movement of £2,000k to Housing Options to cover the inflationary aspects of the Temporary Accommodation budget pressure.

1. Directorate Original Budget Build Up

<i>Housing Division Summary</i>			
Division (Service Director Level)	Prior Year Outturn Variance	Revised Budget	Applied Rebaseline Allocation
	£000's	£000's	£000's
Total	15,871	17,749	2,000

**it excludes technical adjustments such as impairment, depreciation and Refcus.*

2. Justification

Comment on components of supplementary estimate requested			
Service	Activity	To Be Funded By:	£'000
Housing and Landlord Services	Temporary Accommodation - rise in both demand for property and costs of those properties	Contained by in-service budget underspends	(742)
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Housing and Landlord Services	Temporary Accommodation - rise in both demand for property and costs of those properties	Inflation Contingency	(1,700)
Subtotal			(2,742)
Housing and Landlord Services			(2,742)

3. In-Year Controls

A range of initiatives have been developed looking at increasing supply of cheaper Temporary Accommodation (low or no subsidy loss), increasing the availability of private rented accommodation for move on and managing demand. This have been captured in the P5 report that went to cabinet. Further savings initiative will be developed as part of the deep dive sessions for TA.

4. Impact Description

Costs	Funding Source
The one-off budget of £2,000k to Housing Options is to cover the inflationary aspects of the Temporary Accommodation budget pressure.	Corporate contingency budget for excessive non containable inflationary uplifts
Impact if not Approved	
These are statutory services that need to be delivered. The impact will be that the 22/23 overspend on Temporary Accommodation will be £2,000k higher.	

5. Learning Points

What can be learnt from how and why this change came about?

Confirmed the view that we need to move away from TA being provider by private organisations on a spot purchased basis.

6. Previously Approved Supplementary Estimates

Please insert a list of the Supplementary Estimates that the Mayor and Cabinet have previously approved:

7. Supplementary Estimate - Sign Off

The following people have signed off this Supplementary Estimate	Evidence of Sign-off (email/121)	Date
Executive Director - Stephen Peacock	Yes	18/10/2022
Cabinet Member – Cllr Renhard	Yes	17/10/2022
Section 151 Officer – Denise Murray	Yes	24/10/2022