

Ref:

Called in

Yes/No

THE THANET DISTRICT COUNCIL

RECORD OF DECISION OF CABINET

Cabinet Member

Councillor Helen Whitehead

Relevant Portfolio:

Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Housing

Date of Decision:

14 March 2024

Subject:

8 Truro Road Ramsgate Purchase for use as Temporary Accommodation

Key Decision

No

In Forward Plan

Yes

Brief summary of matter:

A capital scheme Homelessness Accommodation was approved by Council in January 2023 within the 2023/24 General Fund capital programme and this report seeks approval to use this funding for the purchase and associated works of the property. Cabinet approved the purchase 8 Truro Road, Ramsgate for use as Temporary Accommodation.

Decision made:

Cabinet agreed to:

1. Purchase 8 Truro Road, Ramsgate for use as Temporary Accommodation.
2. The letting of these homes in accordance with the council's Allocations Policy, at an affordable rent as set out in the council's Tenancy Strategy.

Reasons for decision:

The Council identified an opportunity to purchase 8 Truro Road, Ramsgate which is currently an empty hotel. The property has recently been refurbished and includes 7 self-contained rooms. In January 2023, Council approved the allocation of £2.2m for the provision of Temporary Accommodation, within the capital programme. This is to replicate the project known as Foy House.

Alternatives considered and why rejected:

Alternatively Cabinet could decide not to purchase the building. Securing an alternative building is likely to be difficult, so not proceeding with this might mean that the remaining £2.2m in the Temporary Accommodation programme may need to be reallocated to other projects.

Details of any conflict of interest declared by any executive Member who has been consulted and of any dispensation granted by the Standards Committee:

NA

Author of Officer report:

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Background papers

Cabinet 14_3_2024 - Purchase of Truro Road, Ramsgate

Statement if decision is an urgent one and therefore not subject to call-in:

NA

Last date for call in:

27 March 2024