

## Notice of Urgent Key Decision

### **Urgent 05084/17/C/AB – Rehousing Policy for Survivors of the Grenfell Tower Fire**

The above key decision, added to the Forward Plan on 11 July 2017 and full details of which are published on the Council website, was taken by Cllr. Elizabeth Campbell, Leader of the Council on 20 July 2017 pursuant to the Special Urgency provisions in the Council Constitution\*:

#### **Access to Information classification**

This decision is taken on the basis of a fully public report, available on the Council website.

#### **A summary of the decision is as follows:**

That the Special Dispensation Rehousing Policy is implemented for the following reasons.

- To ensure that residents whose homes have been destroyed by the Grenfell Tower fire are prioritised for rehousing to permanent social housing.
- To aim to honour the government's commitment to provide a home in social housing for the former residents of Grenfell Tower and Grenfell Walk within the period of one year.
- To ensure that all former residents of Grenfell Tower and Grenfell Walk will have choice with regard to their permanent home, and that their individual needs and wishes will be taken into account.
- To ensure former residents of Grenfell Tower and Grenfell Walk are given the opportunity to move from temporary housing into permanent housing as soon as possible.

#### **The grounds of urgency are as follows:**

An urgent decision is needed as a policy must quickly be put in place in order to provide residents with clarity regarding their rehousing arrangements following the fire at Grenfell Tower. This falls beyond the normal terms of Council business and is urgent under the terms of the Council Constitution because it is not possible to give the 28-day statutory notification of this Key Decision.

#### **Agreement to the grounds for urgency**

Cllr. Sam Mackover, Chairman of the Housing and Property Scrutiny Committee emailed at 14.34hrs on Friday 14 July "I agree for Urgent KD 05084/17/H/A to be taken as urgent and exempt from call-in.

I note that in 5.3 of the report the policy remains under review and subject to consultation for three months. I would expect Members of the Council/appropriate Committees also to be able to contribute to the review. Please can this be pointed out when communicating the decision to Members of the scrutiny committee."

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**\* URGENCY PROVISIONS AS SET OUT AT SECTION 7.10 OF THE COUNCIL'S CONSTITUTION**

**(e) Urgency Provisions (General Exception)**

*Where, on the grounds of urgency, publication of the intention to make a key decision is impracticable, that decision may still be made provided the chairman of the relevant scrutiny committee has been informed, in writing, a copy of the notice given to the chairman of the relevant scrutiny committee (or, in his or her absence, the vice-chairman) has been made available at the Council offices and published on the Council's website and five clear working days have elapsed following the day on which the notice was made available. As soon as reasonably practicable after this has been done the Council will publish a notice at the Council offices and on its website setting out the reasons why compliance with Regulation 9 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012 is impracticable.*

**(f) Special Urgency Provisions**

*Where urgency makes compliance with (e) above impracticable, the decision may still be made provided the decision maker has obtained the agreement of the relevant scrutiny chairman that the making of the decision is urgent and cannot reasonably be deferred and, thereafter, published a notice at the Council offices and on the website setting out the reasons that the decision is urgent and cannot reasonably be deferred.*