



Agenda Item Introduction

Committee	POLICY AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FOR NEIGHBOURHOODS AND REGENERATION
Date	6 JULY 2023
Topic	PRE-DECISION SCRUTINY – ACQUISITION STRATEGY

BACKGROUND

The committee is to review the Acquisition Strategy, that will enable the council to purchase properties for letting, before it is due to go to Cabinet for approval on 8 July 2023.

FOCUS FOR SCRUTINY

The role of the committee is not to act as a 'shadow Cabinet'. Its function is to ensure that the principles of decision making have been complied with:

- taking into account all relevant considerations and ignoring those which are irrelevant
- compliance with finance, contract and all other procedure rules
- due consultation and proper advice is taken, and alternative options considered before decisions are reached
- impartiality and an absence of bias or pre-determination
- any interests are properly declared
- decisions are properly recorded and published
- decisions are proportionate to the desired outcome
- respect for human rights and equality impacts
- a presumption in favour of transparency and openness
- clarity of aims and desired outcomes
- due consideration of all available options
- reasons are given for decisions

OUTCOME

Does the committee support the proposed recommendations, or wish to report any comment to Cabinet?

APPROACH

The Cabinet report to be submitted to the committee.

DOCUMENTS ATTACHED

Acquisition Strategy Cabinet Report

Appendix 1 - Acquisition Strategy – Homeless Accommodation 2023 – 2026

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