

Cambridge City Council

Record of Executive Decision

Homelessness Decision Reviews

Decision of: Councillor Bird Executive Councillor for Housing and Homelessness

Reference: 23 / URGENCY/HSC/17

Date of decision: 20/12/23 Date Published on website: 21/12/23

Decision Type: Key

Matter for Decision: To authorise the outsourcing of the homelessness reviews process in accordance with the Council's procurement procedures and to retrospectively authorise the outsourcing of the homelessness reviews process from 31st May 2017, until the date of the authorised recommendation.

Why the Decision had to be made (and any alternative options): As set out in the Officer's report.

The Executive Councillor's decision:

- i. Authorised the outsourcing of the homelessness reviews process in accordance with the Council's procurement procedures and to note that renewals of this function, by contract, will also be subject to the Council's procurement procedures. This is until such time as the Council wishes to put in place alternative arrangements for undertaking homelessness reviews, for example by carrying them out in-house.
- ii. Retrospectively authorise the outsourcing of the homelessness reviews process from 31st May 2017, until the date of the authorised recommendation, set out in i above.

Reason for the decision: As set out in the Officer's report [Document 231220 -Urgent Decision -Homelessness Reviews - Cambridge Council](#)

Scrutiny Consideration: The Chair and Spokesperson of Housing Scrutiny Committee were consulted prior to the action being authorised.

Report: Available via: [Document 231220 -Urgent Decision -Homelessness Reviews - Cambridge Council](#)

Conflict of interest: None.

Comments: Opposition Spokes Councillors queried the circumstances of the matter and assurance that procedures were now in place to prevent a similar issue arising.