

## INDIVIDUAL CABINET MEMBER DECISION – 27 March 2024

Decision by	Councillor Mahfouz
Subject	Approval of one year lease for temporary accommodation
Portfolio	Safe and genuinely affordable homes
Authority	Constitution part 3 Section 3

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Decision: That, the Cabinet Member for Safe and genuinely affordable homes:

Agreed to enter into a lease for one year for the provision of emergency accommodation to homeless households.

Delegated authority to Strategic Director for Housing and Environment to finalise the terms of the lease following consultation with the S151 Officer.

Reason for decision And Options Considered: The Council continued to experience a high level of statutory homeless acceptances generating a requirement to provide emergency and temporary accommodation.

Please see report attached Due to the shrinking private rental market and reduced availability of properties for use as temporary accommodation the Council was placing an increasing number of households into bed and breakfast and hotel accommodation. The commercial hotel accommodation was procured on a 'spot purchase' basis which meant that these increased (from rates that were already well above subsidy) due to demand from other events and this had increased the pressure on budgets as the cost fluctuated according to demand.

Leasing this hotel for one year would give the Council cost-certainty and offer savings in comparison to renting the room equivalents on an ad-hoc basis over this length of time, but more importantly, would provide the Council with a secured amount of space in order to meet Ealing's statutory requirements.' There was still an expectation and focus on moving people on from this type of accommodation, but the leasing of this hotel would enable the Council to secure better financial rates and larger rooms with the relevant facilities.

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