

COUNCIL MEETING – 17 SEPTEMBER 2015

Recommendation to Council from the Executive meeting held on 4 August 2015

E/15/26.

Reducing Reliance on Bed and Breakfast Accommodation Use

The Executive considered a report from the Executive Member for Social Care and Housing that outlined the financial pressures resulting from a sustained increase in the use of Bed and Breakfast accommodation on a temporary basis by homeless families approaching the Council.

It was proposed that the Council invest £2million of Housing Revenue Account funding to acquire 7 to 9 family homes (and/or land to build), which would be used as temporary accommodation as an alternative to Bed and Breakfast. The properties would be located in the north of Central Bedfordshire.

In response to a question, the Executive Member for Social Care and Housing confirmed that families in such circumstances would receive appropriate support and guidance.

Reason for decision: To respond appropriately to help homeless families in the north of Central Bedfordshire.

RESOLVED

that the impact, in particular the financial pressures facing the Council from increased use of Bed and Breakfast accommodation for emergency temporary use be noted.

RECOMMENDED to Council

that the expenditure of £2m of Housing Revenue Account resources for the acquisition of a portfolio of circa 7-9 properties and potentially land (for development) be approved.