

Single Member Cabinet Decision

Executive
Forward Plan
Reference**E3576****23 Grosvenor Place, Bath: Operating Arrangements**

Decision maker	Cllr McCabe, Cabinet Member for Built Environment, Housing and Sustainable Development
The Issue	<p>23 Grosvenor Place, a Grade 1 listed building owned by the Council, was repurposed in 2020 to provide accommodation for individuals transitioning from rough sleeping to a more stable living situation. A Government grant of £1.2m facilitated extensive refurbishment, resulting in 20 units of high-quality, self-contained accommodation.</p> <p>Since April 2020, Julian House has managed housing and personal support services, collecting and holding all rental income. This income, along with additional financial support from the Council, funds their services.</p> <p>This decision recommends bringing the housing management and support services inhouse.</p>
Decision Date	15th October 2024
The decision	<p>The Cabinet Member agrees:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. To transfer, and bring inhouse, the housing management and support arrangement currently provided by Julian House.2. Delegate all operational decisions required to progress this decision to the Head of Housing.
Rationale for decision	<p>Since the initial business case in 2020, and subsequent unsuccessful procurement activities, the Council's housing management and support capacity has significantly developed, particularly through the establishment of B&NES Homes, the Council's in-house Registered Provider. B&NES Homes now provides a full housing management and support service to 33 units of accommodation, of which 21 units are supported housing units. It is proposed to leverage this existing capability to manage and support the 23 Grosvenor Place supported housing scheme directly.</p>
Financial and budget implications	<p>The current scheme operating model runs a deficit. The deficit is currently being funded by other homelessness funding streams. The insourcing model would remove that deficit.</p>
Issues considered	<p>Social Inclusion; Customer Focus; Sustainability; Human Resources; Property; Young People; Health & Safety; Impact on Staff; Other Legal Considerations</p>
Consultation undertaken	<p>Section 151 Finance Officer; Monitoring Officer.</p>

How consultation was carried out	HR and Julian House have also been engaged in this decision. At this stage no wider consultation has taken place though residents will be engaged in due course.
Other options considered	<p>Do Nothing: Whilst the current arrangement was appropriate at the time the Council needs a clearer strategic direction for the operation and management of the scheme, which requires a more formal basis that can operate within agreed financial parameters.</p> <p>Procure separate management & support contract: While it is possible to further review and amend this contract, it is unlikely to end in a successfully let contract, given experience. However, more importantly, the in-house management and support option now provides a better option as detailed above.</p>
Declaration of interest by Cabinet Member(s) for decision:	None
Any conflict of interest declared by anyone who is consulted by a Member taking the decision:	None

Name and Signature of Decision Maker/s	Councillor Matt McCabe Cabinet Member for Built Environment and Sustainable Development Bath and North East Somerset Council
Date of Signature	15 October 2024
Subject to Call-in until 5 Working days have elapsed following publication of the decision	