

**MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**COMMUNITIES, HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**  
**1 MARCH 2022**  
**REPORT OF THE POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE HELD ON 24**  
**NOVEMBER 2021**  
**MANAGEMENT OF TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION PORTFOLIO**

**Issue for Decision**

The Policy and Resources Committee (P&R) have requested that the Communities Housing and Environment Committee review the current temporary property portfolio with regard to the management of identified problems.

**Recommendation Made**

That the Committee consider the request to review the current temporary property portfolio with regard to the management of identified problems.

**Reasons for Recommendation**

The Phase 5 Purchase & Repair Temporary Accommodation Acquisition was presented to the P&R Committee on 24 November 2021.

Extract of Minute 121 from the above-mentioned meeting is outlined below:

*'Phase 5 had been considered by the Communities, Housing and Environment Committee in early November 2021, as the body responsible for its implementation. The Council's governance arrangements required approval from the Committee regarding the provision of delegated authority to the Director of Finance and Business Improvement, as recommended, to purchase the properties.*

*The Committee expressed support for work undertaken and reiterated the importance of the Temporary Accommodation Strategy.*

*In response to questions, the Housing Development Officer explained the existing protocol whereby the Local Ward Members were informed of the Council's intention to purchase a property within their Ward and a request made for any comments. Several Members of the Committee felt that further attention into any issues arising from the properties was required.'*

In agreeing the properties' purchase, the request was made for the Communities, Housing and Environment Committee to review the temporary property portfolio with regard to the management of identified problems.

## **Alternatives Considered and Why Not Recommended**

None.

## **Background Documents**

Minutes (Part I) of the Policy and Resources Committee Meeting held on 24 November 2021 - [Minutes Template \(maidstone.gov.uk\)](https://www.maidstone.gov.uk/minutes-template)

## **Appendices**

None.