

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2000

REGISTER OF URGENT
DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

NORTH DEVON COUNCIL CONSTITUTION
– Part 3 Annexe 2: Officer Delegations –
Chief Executive



Reference No:

1) SUBJECT:

Rough Sleeping Grant

2) REQUESTED DECISION:

Permission to set aside the requirements of the Contract Procedure Rules to tender for above £40,000 services namely; 6 x Rough Sleeper Accommodation Pods at the cost of approximately £40,000

3) STATEMENT OF THE REASONS FOR THE REQUEST AND WHY IT IS URGENT:

North Devon Council have been successful in drawing down additional funding from Government towards accommodating Rough Sleepers following a submission to the Rough Sleeper Initiative programme.

This project is aimed at reducing the number of people rough sleeping in North Devon.

The aim of the Pod project is to build up a stock of accommodation that can be utilised for rough sleepers in a variety of locations both inside and outside.

Following successful award of the bid NDC were issued with a funding structure from Government. This structure highlights the need to have plans in place prior to the winter months (01.10.2021 – 31.03.22) and without this approval we are unable to proceed and will be at risk of having to return the funding.

Current lead in times for bespoke Pods which have been modified for both indoor (in a warehouse) and outdoor use (car park locations) is 12 weeks with material costs increasing on a week by week basis.

4) FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: (NOTE: Please state if there are any financial implications. If so, state whether there are sufficient funds within the agreed budget. If there are insufficient funds please state how the decision will be financed).

Please see above. The financial award made through the bid covers full costs of service delivery

5) ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED:

None

6) A RECORD OF ANY CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARED:

N/A

7) A NOTE OF ANY DISPENSATION IF GRANTED:

N/A

8) LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS (but not including published works or those which disclose exempt or confidential information (as defined in paragraph 10.4 and 10.5 of the Access to Information Procedural Rules Part 4 of the Constitution):

See attached confirmation of grant award from MHCLG

10) CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN:

The following have been consulted on this urgent decision:

Consultee	Consulted Yes/No	Date
Leader of Council (<i>or Deputy Leader</i>)	Y	28.8.21
Chair of Committee (with the Authority to take the decision) (<i>or Vice-Chair</i>)		
Lead Member		
Ward Member(s)		
Head of Service (Jeremy Mann)	Yes	25.08.2021
Finance	Yes	25.08.2021
Legal	Yes	25.08.2021

11) OFFICER REQUESTING URGENT DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE:

Natasha Rowland

12) APPROVED BY CHIEF EXECUTIVE: YES

13) DATE OF DECISION: 29th August 2021

14) CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S COMMENTS: I have agreed to the above on the basis that the order needs to be placed prior to the next Committee to ensure that lead in times do not increase. The need for the pods is now very clear.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'W. M. A.', written in a cursive style.

15) DATE TO BE PRESENTED TO STRATEGY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE:

GUIDANCE NOTES

NOTE:

PROCEDURE FOR URGENT DECISIONS:

1. Completed form to be passed to the Chief Executive following consultation with the interested parties.
2. If a decision is specific to a Ward, efforts should be made to ascertain the views of the local Councillor (s).
3. The Chief Executive will make his decision.

PROCEDURE FOR URGENT DECISION MAKING AS PER THE CONSTITUTION

Officer Delegations: the Chief Executive:

Urgent Decision Making

- 3.48 To take a decision on any matter falling within the remit of any Committee in cases of urgency where it is not reasonably practicable to obtain prior approval

of a Committee SUBJECT TO:

- 3.48.1 the prior consultation, where practicable, with the Leader or Deputy Leader and the Chair or Vice Chair of the relevant Committee, and
- 3.48.2 the proviso that this power will not extend to the determination of any application submitted pursuant to the Planning Acts or under the Licensing Act 2003 or the Gambling Act 2005, and
- 3.48.3 the decision being reported to the next meeting of the relevant Committee and the next meeting of Strategy and Resources Committee.