

EAST HERTS COUNCIL

OPENNESS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT BODIES REGULATIONS 2014 OFFICER DECISION WRITTEN RECORD

Subject matter:	To procure and manage temporary accommodation in pursuance of the council's homelessness duties and powers (16.2 of the council's Constitution) .
Date of Decision:	26/03/2020
Exempt /Confidential information (Yes / No):	NO
If Exempt/Confidential – reason why:	
Authorising Officer:	Jonathan Geall
Decision:	To enter into an arrange with Stevenage Council to reimburse them for the cost of 25 units of Bed and Breakfast temporary accommodation to meet the anticipated additional demand resulting from Public Health Emergency due to the Coronavirus . The accommodation will be available for those who do not have accommodation to enable them to self-isolate should they need to and those more vulnerable should they contract the virus with the overall aim

	of mitigating the spread of the virus as directed by the government.
Reason(s) for Decision:	To provide additional and suitable temporary accommodation to meet current demand and for Public Health reasons to mitigate the spread of the Coronavirus for those that do not have any available accommodation where they can stay or self-isolate should they need to do so.
Details of alternative options, if any, considered and rejected:	The council does not have available any self-contained accommodation and the Housing Associations operating in East Herts have suspended all lettings for an unforeseeable period of time.
Name(s) of any Member who has declared a conflict of interest in relation to the decision that is being taken under specific express authorisation:	None