

Residential accommodation at 171 Wilton Street (Ward 11) – Lease approved – Authority to Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.

6 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability regarding the proposed lease of residential accommodation at 171 Wilton Street (Ward 11),

- (1) advising that
 - (a) the property comprised of a traditional stone built mid-terrace townhouse with accommodation over lower ground, ground, first and second floors, and was owned by Queens Cross Housing Association; and
 - (b) following the UK government's announcement in June 2023 to accelerate the UK asylum decision making process and to reduce the backlog of asylum claimants and the use of dispersed accommodation, the Council had declared a Housing Emergency in recognition of the unprecedented increase in demand for homelessness assistance; and
- (2) detailing the provisionally agreed terms.

After consideration, the committee

- (i) approved the Council entering into a lease for the accommodation at 171 Wilton Street on the terms as detailed in the report; and
- (ii) authorised the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability, in consultation with the Director of Legal and Administration to conclude all other matters pertaining to the lease and to enter into necessary legal agreements on terms that were in the best interest of the Council.