

**Residential accommodation at 115-117 Queen Margaret Drive (Ward 15) –
Lease extension approved – Authority to Executive Director of
Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability.**

5 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability regarding a proposed lease extension of residential accommodation at 115-117 Queen Margaret Drive (Ward 15),

- (1) advising that
 - (a) the property comprised of the lower ground, ground, first, second and third floors of a traditional sandstone tenement building;
 - (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
 - (c) the Council's lease of the subject premises had been due to expire in June 2013 but had continued on a tacit relocation until 2015 when the lease was formally extended to February 2025; and
- (2) detailing the provisionally agreed terms.

After consideration, the committee

- (i) noted the content of this report;
- (ii) approved the Council entering into a lease renewal/extension for the hostel accommodation at 115-117 Queen Margaret Drive, on the terms detailed in the report, and
- (iii) 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.