

OFFICER DECISION RECORD

Lead Officer: Dan Horn, Assistant Director	Service: Housing & Community Support
CMT Officer: Carol Pilson, Corporate Director and Monitoring Officer	Delegated Power Being Exercised: Responsibilities for Functions; Tables 4 and 5, paragraph 95: <i>To administer and manage the Council's homelessness functions and the Housing Register</i> Also as part of Cabinet decision minute 54/24 Fenland District Council - Homeless and Rough Sleeping Strategy 2024-29 (page 41 – objective 3, intervention 3.0) Agenda for Cabinet on Monday, 24th February, 2025, 2.00 pm - Fenland District Council
Subject of Decision: To approve the lease of 1 further property from Clarion as family temporary accommodation in Fenland	

Decision to be Taken:

The Council currently leases 16 properties from Clarion for housing family households in temporary accommodation whilst undertaking the Council's homelessness duties.

This is a lease of one further property in Thorney Toll to help with our supply throughout Fenland towns and villages to provide such accommodation.

This ensures family households have a reduced risk of being placed in B&B which the Council is scrutinised on by Central Government to ensure that no families are in B&B for more than 6 weeks. This is also a very cost-effective solution for the Council. So better accommodation for family households delivered in a cost-effective way.

This also helps to bring a long-term empty property back into use for the benefit of Thorney Toll

Decision:

Daniel Horn, Assistant Director in accordance with Cabinet Decision 54/24 and the approved Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy and Action Plan to lease a property in Thorney Toll from Clarion for the purposes of utilising for Family Temporary Accommodation.

Reason for the Decision:

Alongside other initiatives to increase the pool of temporary accommodation across the district this helps ensure the Council can reduce the risk of placing families in B&B.

The proposal is in accordance with the cabinet approved strategy and action plan as set out in the web links above.

Alternative Options Considered (if appropriate):

Not increasing our pool of Temporary Accommodation. However, this increases the risk of B&B placement and also there has been specific interest from Ward Councillor and the portfolio holder to bring properties back into use in Thorney Toll and this proposal helps both priorities.

Background/Reports/Information considered and attached:

[Fenland District Council - Homeless and Rough Sleeping Strategy 2024-29](#)

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Legal and Procurement Implications

1 further property leased by Clarion to add to the other 16 properties we have in accordance with the previous approved lease contract.

This assists in reducing the risk of Government intervention as a result of having too many families in B&B over a 6-week period

Financial Implications

There is a significant financial benefit for every homeless family household that is placed in a leased property from Clarion or our own accommodation in comparison to the costs of placement in B&B

Officer's Signature:

Dan Horn, Assistant Director
(in consultation with the portfolio holder,
Councillor Sam Hoy)

Date:

10 December 2025

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