

BABERGH DISTRICT COUNCIL

URGENT ACTION - NO SPECIFIC POWERS

ACTION FOR WHICH CHIEF EXECUTIVE HAS DELEGATED POWERS SUBJECT TO CONSULTATION WITH THE LEADER AND CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT COUNCIL

SERIAL NO: BDC-0004

SUBJECT MATTER:

The Chief Executive has specific delegation to take any action, including the incurring of expenditure, in connection with an emergency or disaster in the district as specified in the Constitution; Part 2: Responsibility of Functions

MEETING TO WHICH MATTER RELATES:

Babergh and Mid Suffolk Cabinet Meetings

REASON FOR ACTION BEING TAKEN OUT OF MEETING:

Meetings have been cancelled following general health advice issued in relation to the Corona virus (Covid-19) outbreak. No Cabinet meeting dates are available to take this decision in time to support the Corona virus (Covid -19) outbreak.

The decision has been taken in order to secure the emergency accommodation as detailed below.

BACKGROUND:

On Thursday 26th March, the Government announced that all Rough Sleepers needed to be 'indoors' by the weekend (the following day). The Councils agreed with West Suffolk to work together to try and identify a solution.

Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils together with West Suffolk Council have managed to negotiate the exclusive use of a hotel for £7,993 per week for 4 weeks for 18 rooms shared between the Councils.

MHCLG made it clear in a phone call on 27th March that this was a Public Health Emergency and not a Homelessness Issue. Therefore, Public Health will be covering the costs.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

The cost for exclusive use of the hotel is £7,993 per week for 4 weeks.

MHCLG made it clear in a phone call on 27th March that this was a Public Health Emergency and not a Homelessness Issue. Therefore, I will be asking Public Health to cover the costs.

ACTION AUTHORISED:

To take any action, including the incurring of expenditure, in connection with an emergency or disaster in the district.

DATE ACTION AUTHORISED:

I have been consulted on this matter details of which are given above and have no observations to make.

Signed:

Dated: 27 March 2020

Chair of Babergh District Council

Signed:

Dated: 27 March 2020

Leader of Babergh District Council

I being the duly authorised officer authorise the taking of the action referred to above.

Signed:

Dated: 27 March 2020

Chief Executive

Details reported to Council for noting.

- (NOTE: (i) *This form to be completed and given to Committee Services for inclusion in the Register of Delegated Action and for reporting to the appropriate Committee. The signature of the Chief Executive should be obtained prior to the form being sent to Committee Services.*
- (ii) *If the Chairman is not available within a day to sign the form, please send it to Committee Services who will then arrange the necessary signature.)*