

**Bracknell Forest Council
Record of Decision**

Work Programme Reference	I104432
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1. **TITLE:** Temporary Accommodation Placement Policy to Meet Housing Need

2. **SERVICE AREA:** People

3. **PURPOSE OF DECISION**

This report seeks approval to implement a policy relating to the allocation of temporary accommodation for homeless households. The purpose of this policy is to provide detailed guidance for the fair allocation of suitable temporary accommodation within and outside of Bracknell Forest borough boundaries.

4. **IS KEY DECISION** Yes

5. **DECISION MADE BY:** Executive Member for Adult Services, Health and Housing

6. **DECISION:**

That the implementation of the Temporary Accommodation Placement Policy be approved.

7. **REASON FOR DECISION**

The Temporary Accommodation Placement Policy sets out the Council's proposed approach to the placement of households in temporary accommodation. The policy sets out the key principles underpinning placement decisions and prioritisation; when and how offers of temporary accommodation will be made and when offers will be brought to an end; when offers will be made into private rented sector accommodation; and how the council assesses suitability of accommodation in line with statutory guidance.

Whilst Bracknell Forest Council seeks to accommodate homeless households within the borough wherever possible, it may sometimes be necessary for households to be placed outside of the borough boundaries. The policy also sets out how placements inside the borough will be prioritised and, when it is necessary to make an out of borough placement, ensures that the Council is able to fulfil its statutory housing duties to homeless households by securing accommodation that is suitable and reasonable to occupy.

8. **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

Do nothing. This option does not provide a clear approach to allocating temporary accommodation in line with relevant legislation.

9. **DOCUMENT CONSIDERED:** Report of the Executive Director: People

10. **DECLARED CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:** None.

Date Decision Made	Final Day of Call-in Period
11 April 2022	19 April 2022