

**Bracknell Forest Council
Record of Decision**

Work Programme Reference	I123238
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1. **TITLE:** Temporary Accommodation Rents

2. **SERVICE AREA:** People

3. **PURPOSE OF DECISION**

Increase in rent in temporary accommodation properties to reflect increases in Local Housing Allowance Levels.

4. **IS KEY DECISION** Yes

5. **DECISION MADE BY:** Cabinet Member for the Environment, Community and Housing

6. **DECISION:**

The Cabinet Member for the Environment, Community and Housing approved the proposed increase in rents.

7. **REASON FOR DECISION**

- i. Temporary accommodation rents have not been increased for at least 4 years due to the freezing of Local Housing Allowance (LHA) in 2020.
- ii. The LHA levels were unfrozen in April 2024 with increases in all eligible household sizes.
- iii. Increasing the rent levels and including additional property purchases made recently, is expected to increase income by approximately £20,000 per month once fully implemented.
- iv. At least 94% of all current temporary accommodation tenants are in receipt of full housing allowance which will cover the increase in rent, therefore most of our customers will not face any discernible increase in rent levels

8. **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

Not increasing the rent will result in a loss of income that would otherwise be available to support the council's expenditure.

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

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

Date Decision Made	Final Day of Call-in Period
26 September 2024	4 October 2024