

**Exercise of emergency functions – Acceptance and use of allocation of the £2,565,696 (two million five hundred and sixty-five thousand pounds and six hundred and ninety six pounds) from The Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) to CCC**

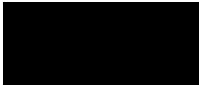
1. Part 2M of the constitution of the City Council provides for the Scheme of Functions delegated to Employees including to the Chief Executive.
2. Paragraph 3.8 of Part 2M of the Constitution enables the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader to make decisions required in an emergency.
3. The purpose and objectives of the grant:
  - Ensure recent humanitarian schemes (Afghan and Ukraine schemes) which offer sanctuary, via an organised safe and legal entry route, to those fleeing conflict, provide sufficient longer term accommodation to those they support.
  - Support areas with housing pressures which have generously welcomed substantial numbers of Ukrainian refugees so that these areas are not disadvantaged by increased pressures from these arrivals on the existing housing and homelessness systems.
  - Mitigate the expected increased pressures on local authority homelessness and social housing resources which arise from the eligible cohort (as defined at section 3.2 of the Prospectus) as sponsorship/family placements/bridging accommodation arrangements come to an end by increasing the provision of affordable housing available to local authorities to support those in the cohort who are homeless, at risk of homelessness, or in bridging accommodation;
  - Reduce emergency, temporary and bridging accommodation costs;
  - Deliver accommodation that as far as possible allows for the future conversion of housing units to support wider local authority housing and homelessness responsibilities to UK nationals (i.e. after usage by this cohort ends);
  - Utilise accommodation solutions to enable effective resettlement and economic integration of the eligible cohort;
  - Reduce pressures on the existing housing and homelessness systems and those waiting for social housing.
4. The Council will appoint a registered housing provider to purchase properties and make such properties available in accordance with the DLUHC grant terms and objectives.

5. On the basis set out above, I am satisfied that the decision being taken pursuant to this emergency provision is critical to the Council's ability to provide housing needs within Coventry.
  
6. In light of the above I agree that this constitutes an emergency and I am making the decision that the City Council:
  - Accepts the grant in the sum of **£2,565,696** and uses the grant in line with the grant determination issued.
  - The grant of **£2,565,696** is added to the Council's Revenue Budget
  - Delegated authority be given to Pete Fahy to administer the grant in accordance with the grant determination referenced above and enter into the Research Contract and respective collaboration agreements with partner organisations.

I have consulted with the Leader of the City Council to confirm his agreement to this course of action.

A report will be taken to Council at the next appropriate meeting that will include information about this emergency decision.

Signed:

A black rectangular redaction box covering the signature of Barry Hastie.

Barry Hastie  
Interim Chief Executive of Coventry City Council  
Dated: 14.03.23