

**EXETER CITY COUNCIL
RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN BY OFFICER IN CONSULTATION WITH PORTFOLIO
HOLDER**

TITLE: 14-16 Mary Arches Street, Exeter

DECISION MADE BY: Deputy Chief Executive

IN CONSULTATION WITH Portfolio Holder for Communities & Homelessness Prevention

DECISION:

14-16 Mary Arches Street, Exeter

REASON FOR DECISION

The decision was made for the following reasons:

(Including instruction of Legal) on taking a 2 year lease of a 7-bed HMO in Mary Arches to use to accommodate homeless people. This is a more cost effective way of fulfilling this housing need than the use of commercial hotels and B&Bs which result in a higher net cost to the Council's budget.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

Purchasing suitable property and using hotel accommodation.
The purchase of property is still under consideration but does not fulfil the immediate pressing need. Hotel accommodation is more expensive. Housing management of the property will be delivered by Gemma Livingstone Holding Ltd and is included alongside the market rent within the total annual lease price as per above. This therefore means the Council does not need to directly recruit additional officer time to undertaken responsibility for housing management duties.

PRINCIPAL GROUPS CONSULTED: Richard Crompton – Service Lead – Housing Needs;
Councillor Martin Pearce – Portfolio Holder for Communities & Homelessness prevention.

DOCUMENT CONSIDERED: Summary Case Report - Signed by Case Officer
Legal Instruction

DECLARED CONFLICTS OF INTEREST: No

DISPENSATIONS GRANTED: N/A

In the case where a key decision has been taken under delegated powers, the attention of Members is drawn to the Scrutiny Procedure Rules within the Constitution, and in particular section 15 entitled Call in.

Decision Number	Date of Decision Made
	25 November 2022