



Report to: Policy and Resources Committee, 5th February 2019

Report of: Chairman, Communities Committee

Subject: REFERRAL REPORT FROM COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE - STRATEGIC HOUSING TRANSFORMATION TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION SUPPLY

1. Recommendation

1.1 That the Committee agree that the cost of acquiring properties at 145 Bromyard Road and 197-203 Oldbury Road and bringing them into use is met from the Affordable Housing Bid Reserve of £236,000.

2. Background

2.1 The Communities Committee on 30th January 2019 considered and approved the business case and overall approach to acquiring properties for direct letting and management in order to reduce the Council's reliance on private bed & breakfast and guest house accommodation.

2.2 The Committee agreed the acquisition by the Council of the following properties in order to deliver up to 12 units of temporary accommodation, namely -
i. 145 Bromyard Rd – up to 8 units (minimum of 6 units)
ii. 197 – 203 Oldbury Road - 4 units.

2.3 The Committee recommends to Policy & Resources Committee that the cost of acquiring both properties and bringing them into use is met from the Affordable Housing Bid Reserve of £236,000.

2.4 The Reserves Policy states that:

Where specific delegated authority to commit expenditure from a reserve has not been established, responsibility falls to the Policy and Resources Committee upon advice from the Section 151 Officer.

The use of the Affordable Housing Bid Reserve for the purposes proposed in the report therefore needs approval of the Policy and Resources Committee.

3. Information

3.1 The full Communities Committee report is attached (**Appendix 1**).

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Background Papers: None