

OFFICER DELEGATION SCHEME RECORD OF DECISION

Date: 19.06.26		Ref No PLACE BGI261	
Responsible Officer: Jacqueline Summerscales			
Title/Subject matter: Extension to the Registered Provider Partnership Framework (RPPF) - Exemption Request.			
Budget/Strategy/Policy/Compliance:			
(i) Is the decision within an Approved Budget?		Yes	
(ii) Is the decision in conflict with the Council's policies, strategies or relevant service plans?		No	
(iii) Does the decision amend existing or raise new policy issues?		No	
Is publication still required? (see guidance)		Yes	

Item for Decision:

The Council manages a Registered Provider Partnership Framework (RPPF) with selected registered providers, to support delivery of its strategic objectives and increase the supply of affordable housing and specialist accommodation in the borough, including delivery on Council owned land where available. The Framework is due to expire on the 31 July 2026.

Approval is required to extend the Framework for a further 12 months, from the 31 July 2026 to the 31 July 2027, via an exemption. This is necessary as the remit of the RPPF is expected to change.

The Council has recently established a Strategic Housing Partnership, bringing together senior officers from registered provider organisations. This partnership aims to move beyond a sole focus on development and create a broader forum to address housing, health, and wider system issues.

It is proposed that the RPPF will become a sub-group of the Strategic Housing Partnership.

Allowing the partnership to continue in its current form until 31 July 2027 will enable the Council to undertake a comprehensive review of both groups, in order to determine their future roles and responsibilities. It will also ensure continuity and stability, with no disruption to service delivery.

Once the future role of the RPPF is agreed, a full competitive procurement process will be undertaken via the Council's tendering portal (The Chest). This will provide an opportunity for both existing members and non-member registered providers to apply for membership of the Framework.

It should be noted that this arrangement does not involve any contractual obligations or fees.

Approval to recruit to newly created vacancies

NB: Chief Officer graded roles require AD HR and AD Finance approval

Not Applicable

N/A

Decision made by:	Signature:	Date:
Head of Housing Growth & Development: Roz Catlow-Patterson Executive Director of Place		19.06.26
Advised by HR Business Partner		
Advised by Finance Business Partner		
Chief Officer graded roles: Assistant Director of HR		
Chief Officer graded roles: Advised by Assistant Director Finance / Chief Accountant		
Member Consulted (only if applicable) [see note 4 below]		

Notes

1. In most cases a single signature is required in accordance with the Table below.
2. The form must be published if expenditure is over £100K. However, this must be after all the required contract documentation has been completed. This is to avoid publishing exempt confidential information.
3. A report to Cabinet must be made if expenditure is over £500K.
4. In a small number of cases in accordance with the requirements of the Officer Delegation Scheme, consultation is required from the appropriate Cabinet Member who must sign the form to confirm that they have been consulted and that they agree with the proposed action. Please refer to the Guidance.
5. This form must not be used for urgent decisions.
6. Where there is any doubt officers should always err on side of caution and seek advice from Democratic Services, the Monitoring Officer or Corporate Procurement where applicable.

EXPENDITURE APPROVAL TABLE

Approval Limit	Approval By (in consultation with Finance & HR Business Partner)

Over £500,000	Cabinet.	
Over£250,000 to £500,000	Chief Executive	
Over£100,000 to £250,000	Executive Director	
Over £50,000 to £100,000	Director/Assistant Director	
Over £10,000 to £50,000	Head of Service	
Up to £10,000	Service Lead	

For Chief Officer Graded Roles:

Assistant Director HR Approval
Assistant Director Finance / Chief Accountant Approval