

Delegated Decision Notice

This form is the written record of a key, significant operational or administrative decision taken by an officer.

Decision type	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Key Decision	<input type="checkbox"/> Significant Operational Decision	<input type="checkbox"/> Administrative Decision
Approximate value	<input type="checkbox"/> Below £500,000 <input type="checkbox"/> £500,000 to £1,000,000 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> over £1,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/> below £25,000 <input type="checkbox"/> £25,000 to £100,000 <input type="checkbox"/> £100,000 to £500,000 <input type="checkbox"/> Over £500,000	<input type="checkbox"/> below £25,000 <input type="checkbox"/> £25,000 to £100,000
Director¹	Director of Communities, Housing and Environment		
Contact person:	Dinah Beckett Regional Asylum & Refugee Integration Manager, Migration Yorkshire	Telephone number: 0113 3789012	
Subject²:	Approval to vary the existing Partnership Agreements with North Yorkshire Council and City of Doncaster Council and vary the Grant Agreement with British Refugee Council to continue to provide wraparound support to residents of the Afghan 'Bridging Hotels' in North Yorkshire and Doncaster.		
Decision details³:	<p>What decision has been taken? (Set out all necessary decisions to be taken by the decision taker including decisions in relation to exempt information, exemption from call in etc.)</p> <p>The Director of Communities, Housing and Environment</p> <p>a) Approved a variation to the existing Partnership Agreement between Leeds City Council (Migration Yorkshire) and North Yorkshire Council to provide 'wraparound' support to residents of the Afghan bridging hotels in North Yorkshire to 31 July 2023. The variation agreement has a retrospective commencement date based on when the service commenced of 1 September 2021.</p> <p>b) Approved a variation to the existing Partnership Agreement between Leeds City Council (Migration Yorkshire) and City of Doncaster Council to provide 'wraparound' support to residents of the Afghan bridging hotel in Doncaster to 31 July 2023. The variation agreement has a retrospective commencement date based on when the service commenced of 1 December 2021.</p> <p>c) Approved a variation to the existing Partnership Agreement between Leeds City Council (Migration Yorkshire) and City of Doncaster Council to provide therapeutic support to residents of the Afghan bridging hotel in Doncaster to 31 July 2023. The variation agreement has a retrospective commencement date based on when the service</p>		

¹ Give title of Director with delegated responsibility for function to which decision relates.

² If the decision is key and has appeared on the list of forthcoming key decisions, the title of the decision should be the same as that used in the list

³ Simply refer to supporting report where used as these matters have been set out in detail.

commenced of 1 June 2022.

- d) Approved a variation to the existing Grant Agreement between Leeds City Council (Migration Yorkshire) and the Refugee Council to deliver the above services with revised and updated budgets and service provision.
- e) Approved the entry into such other agreements that the Head of Migration Yorkshire believes are needed to enable the delivery of a wraparound services to residents of the Afghan bridging hotels.

A brief statement of the reasons for the decision

(Include any significant financial, procurement, legal or equalities implications, having consulted with Finance, PACS, Legal, HR and Equality colleagues as appropriate)

On 29 December 2020, the Defence Secretary and Home Secretary announced the Afghan Relocations and Assistance Policy (ARAP). This scheme offers relocation or other assistance to former Locally Employed Staff (LES) in Afghanistan to reflect the changing situation in Afghanistan. Given the rapid implementation of the programmes and the large numbers of people involved, the Home Office has commissioned hotels around the country known as 'bridging hotels' where Afghan evacuees and refugees are housed until long term accommodation is sourced.

Hotel residents are supported to settle in and make longer term plans for life in the UK through the provision of 'wraparound support' in the hotels. The support is funded by the Home Office by payment to the local authority which hosts the hotel. In Yorkshire and Humber, Leeds City Council (Migration Yorkshire) co-ordinates this arrangement as the accountable body by processing payments and managing sub-contract arrangements.

North Yorkshire Council (previously North Yorkshire County Council prior to local government re-organisation which took place on 1 April 2023) has been the location of two bridging hotels, one of which closed on 31 July 2022. It has agreed to vary the existing Partnership Agreement with Leeds City Council (Migration Yorkshire) to include the provision of a 'wraparound support' for Afghan evacuees and refugees in the bridging hotels in North Yorkshire to 31 July 2023.

City of Doncaster Council is the location of one bridging hotel. It has agreed to vary the existing Partnership Agreement with Leeds City Council (Migration Yorkshire) to include the provision of a 'wraparound support' and therapeutic support for Afghan evacuees and refugees in the bridging hotel in Doncaster to 31 July 2023.

A variation to the existing Grant Agreement with British Refugee Council ('Refugee Council') is required to deliver this service and provide for a revised and updated budget and service provision.

See report for further details.

Brief details of any alternative options considered and rejected by the decision maker at the time of making the decision

	N/A - the partner LAs and British Refugee Council requested the variations in order to stand-up the hotel wraparound service at speed.	
Affected wards:	N/A	
Details of consultation undertaken⁴:	Executive Member	
	Ward Councillors	
	Chief Digital and Information Officer ⁵	
	Chief Asset Management and Regeneration Officer ⁶	
	Others	
Implementation	Officer accountable, and proposed timescales for implementation David Brown (Head of Migration Yorkshire) Programme start date 01/09/2021	
List of Forthcoming Key Decisions⁷	Date Added to List:-	
	If Special Urgency or General Exception a brief statement of the reason why it is impracticable to delay the decision	
	If Special Urgency Relevant Scrutiny Chair(s) approval Signature _____ Date _____	
Publication of report⁸	If not published for 5 clear working days prior to decision being taken the reason why not possible:	
	If published late relevant Executive member's approval Signature _____ Date _____	
Call In	Is the decision available ⁹ for call-in?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

⁴ Include details of any interest disclosed by an elected Member on consultation and the date of any relevant dispensation given.


⁵ See Officer Delegation Scheme (Executive Functions) CDIO must be consulted in relation to all matters relating to the Council's use of digital technology

⁶ See Officer Delegation Scheme (Executive Functions) CAMRO must be consulted in relation to all matters relating to the Council's land and buildings.

⁷ See Executive and Decision Making Procedure Rule 2.4 - 2.6. Complete this section for key decisions only

⁸ See Executive and Decision Making Procedure Rule 3.1. Complete this section for key decisions only

⁹ See Executive and Decision Making Procedure Rule 5.1. Significant operational decisions taken by officers are never available for call in. Key decisions are always available for call in unless they have been exempted from call in under rule 5.1.3.

	If exempt from call-in , the reason why call-in would prejudice the interests of the council or the public:	
Approval of Decision	Authorised decision maker ¹⁰ Director of Communities, Housing and Environment- James Rogers	
	Signature 	Date 23/6/23

¹⁰ Give the post title and name of the officer with appropriate delegated authority to take the decision.