BASSETLAW DISTRICT COUNCIL

DELEGATED OFFICER DECISION

NB Officers taking delegated decisions must ensure that they are fully conversant with the conditions applicable to the exercise of delegated powers by officers and in particular that the decisions are in accordance with the Council’s policies, powers and financial regulations.

Details of such conditions are to be found in the Council’s Constitution and in cases of any doubt advice must be sought from the Council’s Financial and/or Legal officers.

DELEGATED POWERS REFERENCE

10.1.10 Strategic Housing and Homelessness including decisions in respect of private sector housing functions, undertaking the Council’s homelessness functions and Housing matters.

IS THE DECISION CONFIDENTIAL? NO

(If yes - apply Public Interest Test below)

SCHEDULE 12A - PUBLIC INTEREST TEST

Christine Staniforth has determined in preparing this Report that paragraph 1 applies.

Christine Staniforth view on the public interest test was NOT confidential

OFFICERS ADVICE:

It is proposed to purchase 4 Sunningdale, Retford, a two bedroomed bungalow, which is nearing completion which will become the third unit of temporary accommodation for the purpose of hospital discharge in accordance with previous approvals.

The monies used to purchase these properties will be drawn down from the Better Care Fund, (BCF). BCF grant monies are used to reduce the costs to the NHS, either by preventing hospital admission or facilitating hospital discharge.

This project has been approved by the Nottinghamshire County Council Health & Wellbeing Board as an appropriate use of BCF monies.

IMPLICATIONS:

a) For Service Users

The accommodation provides a safe, furnished environment for patients recovering from a stay in hospital. Statistics demonstrate that people recover much more quickly in a home environment then they do at home. This not only reduces costs to the NHS for overnight stays, but provides suitable accommodation until a more permanent arrangement can be made.

b) Strategic & Policy
This project supports the Housing Strategy, assisting the elderly and vulnerable and the Homeless & Rough Sleeping Prevention Strategy, sourcing appropriate accommodation for those in crisis.

c) **Financial** plus Financial Reference – Fin. Ref.20/296

The purchase of the final property is £150K plus £10K for remedial work and furnishings. This spend is met by the BFC.

d) **Legal** plus Legal Reference – Legal Ref. 140/10/2019

The legal implication relates only to the purchase of the property.

e) **Human Resources**

None

f) **Community Safety, Equal Opportunity & Environmental**

None

g) **General Data Protection Regulations**

None

**OPTIONS CONSIDERED:**

Do not purchase the property and return the BCF monies as unspent.

Proceed with full purchase of 4 Sunningdale, Retford.

**DECISION (With Reasons):**

Proceed with purchase.

**BACKGROUND PAPERS:**

BCF Move On Business case to the BCF.

**SIGNATURE OF DECISION MAKER**

\[Signature\]

**DATE** ........17 October 2019..........................

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The author of this form should retain a copy for their file and send copies to:

- Monitoring Officer
- Section 151 Officer

Date received by Democratic Services Unit 17/10/2019

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