

## Selby District Council Special Urgency Notice



DETAILS OF DECISION	
<b>Title of Decision</b>	Beech Grove Energy Efficiency Improvement Programme
<b>Description/nature of matter requiring Key Decision</b>	The report asks for approval for re-profiling of future years' monies with the Housing Revenue Account in order to bring forward funding to undertake urgent works to address thermal inefficiencies of 29 prefabricated bungalows on Beech Grove, Sherburn in Elmet.
<b>Decision taker</b>	The Deputy Leader of The Council and Lead Executive Member for Housing, Councillor Richard Musgrave
<b>Date by when Key Decision must be taken</b>	As soon as possible.
<b>Reason why the decision cannot wait for inclusion in next Forward Plan</b>	<p>The decision was not listed on the forward plan for the required 28 days' notice.</p> <p>The matter cannot be reasonably delayed because in light of spiralling energy costs, residents living in these properties are likely to be disproportionately affected by such increases and without remedial action, the Council may find these properties become unaffordable or subject to claims for disrepair under the Homes (Fitness for Human Habitation) Act 2018 through failure to adhere to standards set out in the Housing Health and Safety Rating System (HHSRS).</p> <p>In light of the above, under the provisions of the Council's Constitution dated August 2022, Part 4, section 4.4, sub-section 5.6 (Special Urgency), the Deputy Leader of the Council is to be asked to approve re-profiling future years' monies within the HRA in order to bring forward funding to undertake these urgent works. In order to exercise these powers however, approval of the Chair of Scrutiny Committee to the decision being considered as urgent, is required. The case for consideration under urgency powers relates primarily to timescales and the availability of materials.</p> <p>Permission of the current Chair of the Scrutiny Committee was obtained by Officers on <b>12 September 2022</b>.</p> <p>In preparing the costings, Officers were able to call on an existing contract and the contractor has managed to temporarily reserve a significant majority of the materials required ahead of approval to undertake the works, thus foreshortening the programme lead time by approximately 6 to 8 weeks. The works will however still take approximately 14</p>

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	weeks to complete to all the properties from the date of award, hence time is of the essence if we are to deliver these improvements before the worst of the winter weather.
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