

WESTMINSTER CITY COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF DECISION

SUBJECT: THE PASSAGE - BENTLEY HOUSE

Notice is hereby given that , Cabinet Member for Housing Services, Cabinet Member for Finance and Council Reform, has made the following executive decision on the above mentioned subject for the reasons set out below.

(
Funding for Bentley House.
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Summary of Decision

1. Recommendations

- 1.1 That the Cabinet Member for Housing Services and the Cabinet Member for Finance and Council Reform:
 - 1.1.1 Agree Appendix B of this report be exempt from disclosure by virtue of the Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A, Part 1, paragraph 3, in that it contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).
 - 1.1.2 Approve the AHF grant allocation to the Passage as set out in appendix 1 subject to a funding and nominations agreement.
 - 1.1.3 Delegates authority to the S151 Officer to award the funds to the Passage.
 - 1.1.4 Delegates authority to the Director of Legal Services to enter into a funding and nominations agreement with the Passage.

2. Reasons for Decision

- 2.1 Bentley House had been vacant for many years and fallen into considerable disrepair and was not capable of being occupied.
- 2.2 It required extensive capital investment by The Passage to enable it to be occupied once again for any purpose. The accommodation was effectively on the threshold of being lost from the city's stock.
- 2.3 Bentley House will benefit from its proximity to Montfort House by combining the service management and office space and support during the night, when required.
- 2.4 Bentley House falls into the Housing led solutions category given the focus on longer term accommodation. Interventions for people who have been on the

streets for long periods of time and where traditional accommodation options have failed.

- 2.5 The use of resources from the Affordable Housing Fund, along with other funding sources available to the Passage, will provide 20 single person self-contained studio accommodation units with a full nomination agreement in place between The Passage and WCC.

Reasons for Decision

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