


Individual Mayoral Decision Proforma Decision Log No: <u>120</u>	 TOWER HAMLETS
Report of: Aman Dalvi, Corporate Director, Development & Renewal	Classification: Unrestricted
Policy for determining the suitability of temporary accommodation/private rented sector offers.	

Is this a Key Decision?	Yes
Decision Notice Publication Date:	Not before 15/2/16 <u>12/15</u>
General Exception or Urgency Notice published?	Not required
Restrictions:	No
Reason for seeking an Individual Mayoral Decision:	To minimise the risk of successful legal challenge relating to the procedures the Council uses for allocating out-of-borough temporary accommodation to homeless households

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report recommends the adoption of a policy setting out operational procedures for determining the suitability of temporary accommodation for homeless households.

This is being sought following the Supreme Court's decision in the case of *Nzolameso* which provided that, ideally, local authorities should have, and keep up to date, a policy for procuring sufficient units of temporary accommodation to meet the anticipated demand during the coming year as a failure to do so could leave local authorities vulnerable to legal action, particularly in respect of placements outside the Borough.

DECISION

1. Agree the policy and procedures in Appendix 1 for assessing the suitability of accommodation provided for homeless households out of Borough.

APPROVALS

1. (If applicable) Corporate Director proposing the decision or his/her deputy

I approve the attached report and proposed decision above for submission to the Mayor.

Signed  Date 17/2/2016

2. Chief Finance Officer or his/her deputy

I have been consulted on the content of the attached report which includes my comments.

Signed  Date 17/2/2016


3. Monitoring Officer or his/her deputy

I have been consulted on the content of the attached report which includes my comments.

(For Key Decision only – delete as applicable)

I confirm that this decision:-

- (a) has been published in advance on the Council's Forward Plan OR
- (b) is urgent and subject to the 'General Exception' or 'Special Urgency' provision at paragraph 18 or 19 respectively of the Access to Information Procedure Rules.

Signed  Date 18/2/16

4. Mayor

I agree the decision proposed in paragraph above for the reasons set out in paragraph 12 in the attached report.

Signed  Date 22/2/16