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## Temporary Housing Scheme

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**Service Area: Housing and Regeneration**

**Submitted by: Head of Strategic Planning and Housing**

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**Brief Description of the Scheme:**

This project focuses on the delivery of additional flexibility for the Council to meet demands for temporary housing. It proposes the purchase of two units of accommodation, one to serve Clitheroe and one to serve the Longridge area. These units would be operated as temporary short stay accommodation, but could also provide the flexibility to meet temporary safe house provision in connection with the Council's Domestic Abuse duties if necessary. Increasing demands on temporary accommodation are leading to greater use of bed and breakfast accommodation which is not appropriate in relation to families and victims of Domestic Abuse. Supplementing the general accommodation available at the Council's homeless unit (Joiners Arms), it would enable the Council to respond to demand of the service by offering a wider temporary offer.

**Revenue Implications:**

Expenditure per annum (cleaning, repairs, council tax, utilities, insurance and furnishings) = £6,000.

Rent and service charge income per annum = -£8,500.

**Timescale for Completion:**

It is anticipated that as a minimum properties could be delivered within 6 months from the commencement of the capital year, subject to suitable properties becoming available.

**Any Risks to Completion:**

The cost of property will be subject to market fluctuations, the risk that conveyancing can break down before completion and that suitable properties in an appropriate condition cannot be sourced.

**Capital Cost:**

2023/24 £
304,580