

**SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL  
RECORD OF EXECUTIVE / CHIEF OFFICER DECISION**

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<b>Portfolio</b>	Lead Cabinet member for Housing
<b>Subject Matter</b>	Granting of a Lease to Break
<b>Ward(s) Affected</b>	Milton & Waterbeach
<b>Date Taken</b>	Monday, 14 January 2019
<b>Contact Officer</b>	Anita Goddard, Housing Operational Services Manager 01954 713040 (anita.goddard@scambs.gov.uk)
<b>Date Published</b>	Wednesday, 23 January 2019
<b>Call-In Expiry</b>	Wednesday, 30 January 2019
<b>Key Decision?</b>	No
<b>In Forward Plan?</b>	No
<b>Urgent?</b>	No

<b>Purpose / Background</b>
<p>Break is a charity that supports care leavers once they reach the age of 18 years. Once a child in care reaches 18 years it is a literal cliff edge as there is no support for them. They are extremely vulnerable and likely to fall into petty crime and if they do get a tenancy there is a high probability of failure resulting in homelessness and a poor tenancy record such as former tenancy arrears and possibly anti-social behaviour. To turn that around is an almost impossible task.</p> <p>The government has recognised that and has, through the Department of Education, awarded Break £1.3m to set up a support project for young care leavers. The support project is dependant on them accessing affordable housing where young care leavers can live together in the community and be supported to ensure they can sustain a tenancy in a couple of years time, continue with their education and/or access employment and if needed specialist support services.</p> <p>They have approached the Council and Cambridge City Council requesting to lease properties on a 5 year termed lease. Cambridge City Council have agreed one that is up and running. The proposed property we have identified is a 3 bedroom maisonette in Waterbeach which used to be the sheltered housing wardens live-in flat at 5 Chapel Close. It remains within the curtilage of the sheltered scheme but has its own access through stone steps and there is ample parking to the rear. For the past two years it has been used as temporary accommodation with no issues. It is presently empty.</p> <p>The lease that Break would enter into with us is a full repairing lease whereby they would maintain the property including updating it as it is quite tired.</p> <p>This Decision Notice needs to be signed by Councillor Bridget Smith as is in the Cabinet Member for Housings ward.</p>

<b>Declaration(s) of Interest</b> <i>Record below any relevant interest declared by any executive Member consulted or by an officer present in relation to the decision.</i>
None

<b>Dispensation(s)</b> <i>In respect of any conflict(s) of interest declared above, record below any dispensation(s) granted by the Council's Standards Committee.</i>
None

<b>Consultation</b> <i>Record below all parties consulted in relation to the decision.</i>
<p>Councillors Hazel Smith, Judith Rippeth and Anna Bradnam were consulted by email sent on 6 December 2018. A few questions were asked with Councillor Hazel Smith declaring that all Councillors were in favour on 17 December 2018.</p>

<b>Other Options Considered and Reasons for Rejection</b>
No alternative options have been considered.

<b>Final decision</b>	<b>Reason(s)</b>
Agreed to lease 5 Chapel Close, Waterbeach to the charity Lease.	It is important to support initiatives that support sustainable communities.

Signed	Name (CAPITALS)	Signature	Date
Portfolio Holder	Signed copy available upon request from Democratic Services (democratic.services@scambs.gov.uk)		
Chief Officer			

<b>Further Information</b>