



Portfolio Holder Decision Notice

Title of decision:	PH-XXX-24 Extension of Elms Contract to DENS pending Contract Re-Tender
Name of Portfolio Holder:	Portfolio Holder for Housing & Property Services
Name of Lead Officer	Carly Thomas, Housing Options Manager
Proposed date of Decision to be made:	28 June 2024

If part 2, the reason:	
Decision:	<p>The Elms is a 44-bed hostel and a 24/7-night shelter, a combination of a night shelter, crashpad and direct access hostel facility for individuals.</p> <p>The Elms is managed by DENS and has been since the initial contract let in 2014. Half of the units are direct access through the DENS daycentre. The other half are set aside for Temporary Accommodation (TA) for single applicants that require TA as part of their homeless application. The hostel also runs a night shelter provision referred to as 'crashpad', which is open 365 nights a year and is also the main base for Severe Weather Emergency Protocol (SWEP) provision during extreme weather.</p> <p>The first agreement with DENS commenced in 2014 for a 6-year period as a service contract. During the Covid-19 pandemic, a new 3-year concession agreement was awarded to DENS in 2021, which expires on the 9 November 2024.</p>