

Lewes District Council – Contract Procedure Rules

Waiver by Accountable Officer

**CONTRACT:**

Appointment of OSM Construction for 20 Fort Road, Newhaven development/construction works

**BACKGROUND:**

*Following the completion of a feasibility report on the delivery of a new build modular housing scheme of Temporary Accommodation(TA), approval was given for a budget amendment to the 2018/19 General Fund Capital Programme to allocate £2.2m for the development of new TA. Following a site options appraisal process, a council-owned site in Fort Road, Newhaven was selected as the most deliverable option, and planning permission for 13 flats was granted in April 2019.*

**REASON FOR WAIVER:**

2.4.1 a) of the Council’s [Contract Procedure Rules](#):

*The Cabinet has power to waive any requirements within these Rules for specific projects, in which case its reasons for doing so shall be recorded in the Minutes of the Cabinet meeting*

There are a very limited number of construction companies offering this kind of product, and Council officers researched this issue extensively recently prior to procuring a company to build 6 modular bungalows at Ashington Gardens in Peacehaven. The shortage of good quality, local temporary accommodation is a growing issue that is costing LDC money every week and there is a clear benefit to ensuring the development does not get delayed by lengthy procurement that is unlikely to result in LDC receiving a selection of competitive tenders.

See Cabinet Paper of 29<sup>th</sup> October 2018 for detailed report.

**CONTRACT VALUE:** £2,700,000

**AUTHORITY FOR THE CONTRACT:**

I confirm that, in accordance with section 3 of the CPRs, sufficient budget approval has been obtained and that I authorise the Designated Officer (*Leighton Rowe*) to proceed with the contract award.

Signed .....  
Accountable Officer

Print Name .....

Job Title .....