

Meeting of Council 21<sup>st</sup> March 2019

Gloucester City Council Agenda Item 13.

Paragraph 12.02 of Part 4 of the Rules of Procedure contained within the City Council's Constitution provides that a Member of the Council may submit a written question to any Cabinet Member. This document informs Members of Council of written questions put to Cabinet Members and written replies thereto. Council is recommended to RESOLVE to note the written questions submitted and corresponding responses.

Question from/to Question. From: Councillor Haigh to the Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Communities and Neighbourhoods.

How many people were placed in temporary accommodation during the weeks commencing 3 March and 10 March. How many single people were placed in temporary accommodation in Gloucester and in other Council areas and please state how many and which authorities by week. How many families were placed in temporary accommodation in Gloucester and other Council areas and please state how many and which authorities by week. What was the cost of accommodation in total for each week?

Response: 1. Gloucester City Council placed 2 Singles and 3 Couples in the week beginning 3 March; both placements were within the City. We placed 1 Single and 2 Families in the week beginning 10 March; one family was placed in Bristol. This was due to unavailability of interim accommodation this week – race week usually has some impact on availability. The cost of temporary accommodation for new placements was £995 for the week beginning 3 March and £640 to date for the week beginning 10 March (as of 13 March)

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The question of the Cabinet Member for Communities and Neighbourhoods from Councillor Haigh and the response detailed on the agenda were noted.

79.2 Councillor Haigh stated that the response demonstrated that the Council should provide its own temporary accommodation.

79.3 Councillor Watkins replied that sourcing quality accommodation was a key aim and negotiations were underway for 45-50 units of temporary accommodation