



# Housing First, Planning and Infrastructure Commission

Date: 24<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Subject: Housing First: GM Temporary Accommodation Empty Homes Programme

Report of: Mayor Paul Dennett, Portfolio Lead for Housing First

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## Purpose of Report

The report presents a programme for the new supply of temporary accommodation, designed to improve value for money and reduce reliance on unsuitable, 'ad hoc' temporary accommodation placements in Greater Manchester. The programme consists of an £11m programme with the following elements:

- **Empty Homes and Leasing Programme:** Employing 17 Empty Homes officers across Greater Manchester, supported by a lease and repair programme bringing 400 empty homes back into use as temporary or settled accommodation.
- **GM Temporary Accommodation Placement Observatory:** A Housing First Unit capability, generating reliable data on TA usage, expenditure, supply and demand, providing comprehensive intelligence to inform decision making.

The programme is currently mobilising to commence on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2026 and members will be provided with a progress update on implementation.

## Recommendations:

AGMA is requested to:

1. Appraise the emerging GM Temporary Accommodation Empty Homes programme and provide comment on the key opportunities for collaboration across housing standards and homelessness functions to deliver this scheme.
2. Note the continued financial pressure placed on local authority budgets as a result of temporary accommodation pressures.
3. Consider the wider role of empty homes work in local housing strategies, including impacts on neighbourhood regeneration, homelessness pressures and housing standards regulation.

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