

## **LONDON BOROUGH OF CAMDEN**

### **DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY COUNCILLOR GEORGIA GOULD, LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**

**INDICATIVE DECISION DATE: 21<sup>ST</sup> MAY 2021**

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## **AGENDA**

### **DELEGATION IN RESPECT OF SETTLEMENT OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS: CHALCOTS ESTATE (CS/2021/14)**

Report of the Borough Solicitor

This report asks the Leader to delegate the decision to settle legal proceedings to the Executive Director Supporting Communities, in consultation with the Leader and Borough Solicitor and Executive Director Corporate Services. The legal proceedings concern a claim issued by the Council in respect of the re-cladding of the Chalcots Estate following the discovery of Aluminium Composite Material cladding on the tower blocks in June 2017.

Under the terms of the Council's Constitution, the Cabinet Member for Better Homes has authority to settle legal proceedings and potential legal proceedings over £25,000 (and those below that threshold where matters of political sensitivity are concerned) within the relevant housing related parts of the Property Management, and Housing Management Divisions of the Supporting Communities Directorate and Housing Support Services Division of the Supporting People Directorate except for matters that are settled on the advice of the Council's insurers

However, the Leader may personally discharge any Cabinet functions or may (without prejudice to his or her continued power to so discharge) make arrangements for their discharge by the Cabinet, another member of the Cabinet, a Committee of the Cabinet or an officer of the authority. It is considered appropriate that this matter comes to the Leader because of the significance of this piece of litigation, both in terms of value and reputational impact.

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