

EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD

REF No 400/22

A1 Service Area	Environment and Housing
A2 Title	Funding Application to DLUHC's Rough Sleeping Initiative 2022 – 2025
A3 Decision Taken By	Deputy Leader/ Chief Officer
A4 Chief Officer	Please print name: Sal Khan Please sign name: Approval by email 240222
A5 Leader / Deputy Leader	Please print name: Ray Faulkner Please sign name: Approval by email 240222
A6 Date of Decision	24 th February 2022

Confidentiality

A7 Is this Decision confidential by containing exempt information as described in Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972?	No
A7.1 If yes, please state relevant paragraph from Schedule 12A LGA 1972.	NA

Scrutiny

A8 Which Scrutiny Committee should this decision be submitted to?

Scrutiny (Audit & Value for Money Council Services) Committee

Scrutiny (Community Regeneration, Environment and Health and Well Being)

Committee ✓

<p>B1 What is the Decision?</p>	<p>To apply to the ‘Rough Sleeping Initiative Fund 2022 - 2025’ for funding to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to provide 3 x Emergency Bed Spaces for rough sleepers or people at risk of rough sleeping, plus additional flexible funds¹ to secure B&B or other provision as required over and above the emergency bed spaces. • Extend the Navigator Service until March 2025 to attend to individuals placed in temporary accommodation in relatively short order to provide assistance, and work with the Housing Options Team to determine what can be done to further their Personal Housing Plan. • Extend the Housing First Intervention until March 2025, creating 2 new high intensity support social tenancies each year. <p>If the application is successful in any service element, the entire amount required for that element of the proposal will be awarded. The RSI funding application is in 3 parts, attached at Appendices 1, 2 and 3.</p>
<p>B2 What are the reasons for the Decision?</p>	<p>The measures detailed above are currently in operation, and have been shown to be effective with last 2 annual rough sleeper counts² producing a result of zero.³ The package of measures detailed in the appendices has been ‘co-produced’ with the DLUHC Rough Sleeping Specialist, and therefore has his support both in terms of the panel decision to award the funding but also as the of eliminating rough sleeping in East Staffs in the longer term.</p>
<p>B3 What are the contributions to Corporate Priorities?</p>	<p>Environment and Health and Wellbeing</p>
<p>B4 What are the Human Rights considerations?</p>	<p>There are no Human Rights issues arising from this decision.</p>

¹ Referred to as ‘surge’ in DLUHC terminology

² <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/rough-sleeping-snapshot-in-england-autumn-2020>

³ Whilst the listed projects have been vital to the reduction in rough sleeping, there are a number of other important factors.

Financial Implications

<p>B5 What are the financial implications?</p>	<p>The main financial issues arising from this decision are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DLUHC has guaranteed funding for existing interventions from 1 April 2022 to 30 June 2022, this will automatically be paid to the Council in April 2022 according to the 20 December 2021 letter from Eddie Hughes, Minister for Rough Sleeping and Housing. The funding bid at Appendix 1, 2 & 3 therefore relates to the period from 1 July 2022 to 31 March 2025. • If the DLUHC funding application is successful, the Council will make available the amount specified in the funding award for the provision of the services detailed in the application. In the event funding is not awarded there will be no direct cost to the council as the existing contracts will naturally cease. There will be a resulting increase in expenditure as rough sleepers able to access existing council services will do so. • The bid has been prepared based on the estimates provided by the existing suppliers about costs and demand for service. • The first half of the money will be paid on receipt of the signed agreement, the second half dependent on the project meeting the objectives i.e. payment by results. • The service agreement will state that the service provider will only receive payment when the funding is received from the DLUHC. • The revenue, if received, will be provided by the MHCLG pursuant to sections 31(3) and 31(4) of the Local Government Act 2003.
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Revenue (RSI Funding Application)	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
Emergency Bed Spaces	£26,250. 00	£35,000. 00	£35,000. 00
Overspill Provision into B&B	£34,950. 00	£46,600. 00	£46,600. 00

Revenue (RSI Funding Application)	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
Navigator Service	£32,250.00	£43,000.00	£43,000.00
Housing First Intervention	£36,000.00	£48,000.00	£48,000.00
Total DLUHC Application Rough Sleeping Initiative 5	£129,450.00	£172,600.00	£172,600.00
Impact on MTF5	Nil	Nil	Nil

The finance section has been approved by the following member of the Financial Management Unit:	Please print name: Anya Murray Please sign name: Approval by email 230222
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Policy Framework

B6 Is the Decision wholly in accordance with the Council's policy framework?	Yes
B6.1 If No, does it fall within the urgency provisions (Part 3 of the Constitution)?	NA
B6.2 Has it got the appropriate approvals under those provisions?	Yes
B7 Is the Decision wholly in accordance with the Council's budget?	Yes
B7.1 If No, does it fall within the urgency provisions (Part 3 of the Constitution)?	NA
B7.2 Has it got the appropriate approvals under those provisions?	Yes

Equalities Implications

B8 What are the Equalities implications:
B8.1 Positive (Opportunities/Benefits):
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Through engagement with residents of the Housing First and recipients of the Emergency Bed Spaces it is anticipated that the service will assist reintegration for those that have become excluded, although this is likely to be a lengthy process in most cases. • The Navigator service will proactively engage with rough sleepers who require more time and specialist intervention than is currently available via the existing Rough Sleeper Outreach Service. • Cold Weather Provision through 'surge' funding is vital to prevent harmful exposure to the elements, and facilitates contact between marginalised individuals and relevant services. • A multiyear funding commitment offers service design and procurement opportunities.

B8 What are the Equalities implications:
B8.2 Negative (Threats): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The 25% cut in Q1 in 2022/23, as well as the cost breakdowns required by the application process, suggest that the funding offered may be a reduction on previous years.
B8.3 The subject of this decision is not a policy, strategy, function or service that is new or being revised. An equality impact assessment is not required.
B8.4 The equality impact assessment identified the following actions to be carried out: NA

Risk Assessment

B9 What are the Risk Assessment implications:
B9.1 Positive (Opportunities/Benefits): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support in delivering the project should the bid be successful is provided by the DLUHC specialist advisors. This project if successful will assist the Council in maintaining the gains that have been achieved in tackling rough sleeping, bringing a beneficial impact to the individuals and the wider community.
B9.2 Negative (Threats): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The bid is unsuccessful and therefore the project cannot proceed. The bid is successful, but the delivery partner pulls out of the arrangement or is unable to meet their objectives (this latter point is mitigated by the contractual arrangements and effective contract management).
B9.3 The risks do not need to be entered in the Risk Register. Any financial implications to mitigate against these risks are considered above.

Legal Considerations

B10 What are the Legal Considerations:
B10.1 The main legal issues arising from this decision are as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The revenue, if received, will be provided by the MHCLG pursuant to sections 31(3) and 31(4) of the Local Government Act 2003. Legal Advice will be provided on the Funding Agreement. The services that DLUHC agrees to fund will be commissioned in accordance with the Council's Procurement Policy, and within the terms of the Funding Agreement.
This section has been approved by the following member of the Legal Team

B10 What are the Legal Considerations:

Please print name: Glen McCusker – Interim Solicitor

Please sign name: [Approval by email 220222](#)

Sustainability Implications

B11 What are the Sustainability implications:
B11.1 The proposal would not result in an overall positive effect in terms of sustainability (including climate change and change adaptation measures).
B11.2 Positive (Opportunities/Benefits): NA
B11.3 Negative (Threats): NA

Health & Safety Implications

B12 What are the Health & Safety implications:
B12.1 A Risk Assessment has not been carried out and entered into Safety Media for all significant hazards and risks because there are no significant hazards or risks arising from this decision.
B12.2 NA
B12.3 NA
B12.3.1 Positive (Benefits): NA
B12.3.2 Negative (Threats): NA

Key Decision

B13 Is this a Key Decision? No

Note: A Key Executive Decision is one where:

1. **REVENUE** – Any contract or proposal with an annual payment or saving of more than £100,000
2. **CAPITAL** – Any capital project with a value in excess of £150,000
3. A decision which significantly affects communities living or working in an area comprising two or more wards.

B13.1 If this is a Key Decision, is this an urgent decision such that a delay caused by use of the Call-in Procedure would <u>seriously</u> prejudice the public interest?	NA
B13.2 If yes, has the Mayor or in his/her absence the Deputy Mayor or in his/her absence the Chair of the relevant Scrutiny Committee agreed that the decision will be exempt from Call-in?	NA

NOTE: If this decision is subject to the Call-in Procedure it will come into force, and may then be implemented, on the expiry of 3 working days after publication – unless 10 Members of the Council call in the decision.

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