

EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD

REF No 404.22

A1 Service Area	Environment and Housing
A2 Title	Extension of 2021/22 Rough Sleeping Initiative Contracts by 3 months
A3 Decision Taken By	Deputy Leader/ Chief Officer
A4 Chief Officer	Please print name: Sal Khan Please sign name: Approval by email 100322
A5 Leader / Deputy Leader	Please print name: Cllr Ray Faulkner Please sign name: Approval by email 100322
A6 Date of Decision	11 th March 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>1) Following correspondence from the Minister at Appendix 1, the 'Rough Sleeping Initiative 5' (RSI5) will commence on 1 July 2021, and current funding arrangements will apply at 75% from 1 April 2022 until 30 June 2022. Therefore pending the outcome of the RSI5 funding application, the Council needs to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Divert £10,787.00 from the Council's Homeless Prevention Grant¹ to offset the 25% funding cuts in Q1 of 2022/23. • Extend the Emergency Bed Spaces for a further 3 months until 30 June 2022 • Extend the Navigator Service for a further 3 months until 30 June 2022 • Extend the Housing First Intervention for a further 3 months until 30 June 2022
<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 the most recent rough sleeper count producing a result of zero.²</p> <p>There is a shortfall of 25% in the level of RSI funds previously provided for the equivalent level of service.</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>

Financial Implications

¹ <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/homelessness-prevention-grant-2022-to-2023>

² Whilst the listed projects have been vital to the reduction in rough sleeping, there are a number of other important factors.

B5 What are the financial implications?

The main financial issues arising from this decision are as follows:

- DLUHC has guaranteed funding for existing interventions at 75% 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 Council has been awarded £269,527 from the Homeless Prevention Grant for 2022/23. No grant conditions have yet been issued, though the terms per the letter received do not appear to now prohibit the use of £10,787 on rough sleeper interventions to replace the missing 25% of funding for Q1.
- Assumptions:
 - The anticipated additional supplement to potential RSI funding shortfall in 2022/23 expenditure is based on the current service providers for the Housing First, Navigator Service and Emergency Beds Bed Spaces extending contracts based on current prices and demand.
 - DLUHC guaranteed funding is based on the cost of provision of service and not funding received.
 - The surge capacity funding demand varies in line with factors outside of the control of the council. The estimates used above are in line with those on which the previous RSI4 award was based but may not reflect the actual demand experienced.
- The service agreement will state that the service provider will only receive payment when the funding is received from the MHCLG.
- The revenue will be provided by the MHCLG pursuant to sections 31(3) and 31(4) of the Local Government Act 2003.

Revenue Support in Q1	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
Supplement to RSI Funding	£10,438	0	0
To be diverted from the Homeless Prevention Grant 2022/23	(£10,438)	0	0
Impact on MTFS	Nil	NA	NA

Revenue	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
Emergency Bed Spaces	£8,750	0	0
Navigator Service	£10,750	0	0
Housing First Intervention	£12,000	0	0
'Surge' Overspill Provision into B&B	£10,250	0	0
DLUHC 75%	(£32,312)	0	0
Revenue Support (above)	(£10,438)	0	0
Impact on MTFS	Nil	0	0

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 it is anticipated that the services will assist reintegration for those that have become excluded, although this is likely to be a lengthy process in most cases.

B8 What are the Equalities implications:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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.
B8.2 Negative (Threats):
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None identified.
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"> Utilises DLUHC income for the purpose it was intended. Facilitates the seamless continuation should the RSI5 bid be successful.
B9.2 Negative (Threats):
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None identified.
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 will be provided by the MHCLG pursuant to sections 31(3) and 31(4) of the Local Government Act 2003. The services will be commissioned by extending the current contracts in accordance with the Council's exemption to Contract Procedures Rules (Appendix 2, 3 & 4).
This section has been approved by the following member of the Legal Team
Please print name: Glen McCusker – Interim Solicitor

B10 What are the Legal Considerations:

Please sign name: [Approval by email 100222](#)

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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