

EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD

REF No 275/21

A1 Service Area	Environment and Housing
A2 Title	Application for the 2021/22 Rough Sleeping Initiative Fund
A3 Decision Taken By	Deputy Leader/ Chief Officer
A4 Chief Officer	Please print name: Sal Khan Please sign name: Approval by email 110321
A5 Leader / Deputy Leader	Please print name: Ray Faulkner Please sign name: Approval by email 100321
A6 Date of Decision	11 th March 2021

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 ‘2021/22 Rough Sleeping Initiative Fund’ for funding to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extend the Housing First Intervention for a further 12 months until March 2022 • Extend the Navigator Service for a further 12 months until March 2022 • Secure funding for cold weather provision over the winter of 2021/22 • Continue to provide 3 x Emergency Bed Spaces for rough sleepers or people at risk of rough sleeping, at the expense of Derventio HA’s ‘Home4Me’ service which will need to come to an end.¹ • Request additional flexible funds to secure B&B or other provision as required over and above the emergency bed spaces. <p>If the application is successful in any service element, the entire amount required for that element of the proposal will be awarded. The bid is attached at Appendix 1, and the email inviting applications is at Appendix 2. The MHCLG have confirmed that the funding will not be subject to a ‘Memorandum of Understanding’ as in previous years, there will only be a standard grant determination (Appendix 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 the most recent rough sleeper count producing a result of zero.² The package of measures detailed in Appendix 1 has been ‘co-produced’ with the MHCLG Rough Sleeping Specialist, and therefore has his support both in terms of the panel decision to award the funding but also as the best way of reducing rough sleeping in our area.</p>
<p>B3 What are the contributions to Corporate Priorities?</p>	<p>Protecting and Strengthening Communities</p>
<p>B4 What are the Human Rights considerations?</p>	<p>There are no Human Rights issues arising from this decision.</p>

¹ The Emergency Bed Spaces were not funded under the Rough Sleeping Initiative Year 3, and therefore their continuation requires a trade-off.

² 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"> • The MHCLG has guaranteed funding for existing interventions from 1 April 2021 to end June 2021, this will automatically be paid to the Council in April 2021 (Appendix 2). The funding bid at Appendix 1 therefore relates to the period from 1 July 2021 to 31 March 2022. • If the MHCLG 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 cost to the council. • 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 MHCLG. • Specific assurances that the flexible funds are to be provided on an underwritten basis will be needed to continue the B&B provision beyond 31 March 2021. • 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	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
Housing First Intervention	£0	£36,000	£0
Navigator Service	£0	£32,250	£0
Cold Weather Provision	£0	£30,000	£0
Emergency Bed Spaces	£0	£37,500	£0
Overspill Provision into B&B	£0	£15,000	£0
Offset underspend 2020/21 Navigator Service	£0	£(4,200)	£0
Total MHCLG Application to 2021/22 Rough Sleeping Initiative for July 2021-March 2022	£0	£146,550	£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 090321
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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:
<p>B8.1 Positive (Opportunities/Benefits):</p> <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 is vital to prevent harmful exposure to the elements, and facilitates contact between marginalised individuals and relevant services.
<p>B8.2 Negative (Threats):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The termination of the Home4Me Service will need to be carefully managed to minimise the impact on the current recipients of the service.
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 MHCLG specialist advisors.• This project if successful will make significantly reduce the local rough sleeping cohort, 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.• The procurement of the Emergency Bed Spaces Service will be subject to a separate EDR.• The remaining services will be commissioned in accordance with the Council's exemption to contract procedures (Appendix 4, 5 and 6).
This section has been approved by the following member of the Legal Team
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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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