

Forward timetable of consultation and decision making

Executive 26 March 2025

Wards affected All wards

Expenditure Budget Request – Rough Sleeper Winter Pressures

Report of Director (Community Services)

1. Purpose of report

- 1.1 To inform Council of recent grant funding contributions received from Government to meet homelessness rough sleeping pressures within the borough.
- 1.2 To request Executive approval of associated income and expenditure budgets.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 Executive notes the funding contributions received.
- 2.2 Executive approves associated income and expenditure budgets.

3. Background to the report

3.1 The council has recently received Rough Sleeper Winter Pressures - £39,465 from Government Grant determinations which are provided with the following objectives.

3.2 Expectations of funding delivery

3.3 Rough Sleeper Winter Pressures

The funding is provided on the basis that specific criteria is satisfied which is further outlined in Appendix A and must be committed by March 31, 2025. The Housing Service has committed this money to expenditure in relation to the following aspects of rough sleeper support and intervention.

- Support and interventions (including accommodation) for single homeless people who are not in priority need or who are intentionally homeless, who otherwise have no option than to sleep rough. This may include additional support to individuals at imminent risk of losing accommodation without additional interventions.
- Support for veterans, care leavers and victims of domestic abuse at risk of or currently rough sleeping, including assessment and support of those veterans living on the street.
- Provision of staff and resources to support people into longer term accommodation.
- 3.4 Executive is recommended to approve an income and expenditure budget of £39,465 to ensure that the council can fulfil its obligations in respect to service delivery.

4. Exemptions in accordance with the Access to Information procedure rules

4.1 To be taken in public session.

5. Financial implications [AW]

5.1 The increased costs of £39,465 will be met form the grant funding and hence have a neutral impact on the budget.

6. Legal implications [ST]

6.1 None

7. Corporate Plan implications

7.1 The objectives of this report align to the following corporate plan objective:

People- Helping people to stay safe, healthy, active and in employment.

8. Consultation

8.1 None

9. Risk implications

- 9.1 It is the council's policy to proactively identify and manage significant risks which may prevent delivery of business objectives.
- 9.2 It is not possible to eliminate or manage all risks all of the time and risks will remain which have not been identified. However, it is the officer's opinion based on the information available, that the significant risks associated with this decision / project have been identified, assessed and that controls are in place to manage them effectively.

9.3 The following significant risks associated with this report / decisions were identified from this assessment:

Management of significant (Net Red) risks

Risk description	Mitigating actions	Owner
Inability to meet statutory	Robust financial planning in	Head of
requirements	respect to service delivery	Finance/Head
		of Housing

10. Knowing your community – equality and rural implications

10.1 The funding will ensure continued service delivery in relation to vulnerable people.

11. Climate implications

11.1 Service delivery is continually informed by decarbonisation objectives.

12. Corporate implications

- 12.1 By submitting this report, the report author has taken the following into account:
 - Community safety implications
 - Environmental implications
 - ICT implications
 - Asset management implications
 - Procurement implications
 - Human resources implications
 - Planning implications
 - Data protection implications
 - Voluntary sector

Background papers: None

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