

Forward timetable of consultation and decision making

Executive 26 March 2025

Wards affected All wards

## **Expenditure Budget Request- Asylum Dispersal**

Report of Director (Community Services)

## 1. Purpose of report

- 1.1 To inform Executive of recent grant funding contributions received from Government to meet homelessness, rough sleeping and asylum dispersal delivery and 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 Home Office Asylum Dispersal Funding of £31,500 from Government Grant determinations which are provided with the following objectives.

## 3.2 Expectations of funding delivery

## 3.3 Home Office Asylum Dispersal Funding

The Payment is based on eligibility criteria and subsequent eligibility based on the number of occupied beds in eligible accommodation types occupied since 01 April 2024 within the geographical bounds of the local authority under the following categories:

- Dispersal Accommodation (DA)
- Overflow Dispersal Accommodation (ODA)
- Initial Accommodation (IA)
- Contingency Accommodation (CA)
- 3.5 Executive is recommended to approve an income and expenditure budget of £31,500 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 £31,500 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

Contact officer: Maddy Shellard

Executive member: Councillor M Mullaney