

South Lakeland District Council
Delegated Executive Decisions

Date of Proposed Decision: Thursday, 3 December 2020

Rough Sleeping Accommodation Programme

Portfolio:	Cllr Jonathan Brook - Housing and Innovation Portfolio Holder
Decision Maker:	Simon Rowley - Director of Customer and Commercial Services
Report Author:	Carol Halton – Housing Options and Strategy Specialist
Wards:	All
Forward Plan:	Key Decision included in the Forward Plan as published on 27 October 2020

1.0 Expected Outcome

This report is to approve funding in respect of the Rough Sleeping Accommodation Programme following a successful bid by South Lakeland District Council. This funding will create an additional 12 move on bed spaces for rough sleepers or those at risk of rough sleeping which will include 4 complex needs spaces. These will be hosted by HOME group utilising their own stock.

2.0 Proposed Decision

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Director of Customer and Commercial Services approves the receipt of funding in respect of the Rough Sleeping Accommodation Programme following a successful bid by the Council; and**
- 2.2 that the Director of Customer and Commercial Services in conjunction with the Lead Specialist Legal Governance and Democracy enter into the appropriate agreements on behalf of the Council to receive and administer the grant funding for years one to three of the Rough Sleeping Accommodation funding programme:-**

3.0 Background and Proposals

MHCLG announced a Next Steps Accommodation Programme in August 2020 which had two elements to it. The first was to support the work that has taken place in local authorities during the first lockdown due to COVID19 and the second was to support longer term plans to create more capacity within areas for extra bed spaces specifically for those rough sleeping or at risk of rough sleeping.

SLDC were awarded £35,932 as part of the first round of funding, this was in addition to the other grants from MHCLG agreed by Delegated Executive Decision on 10 September 2020 from the Rapid Rehousing Pathway. For the second round of funding which has now been renamed Rough Sleeping Accommodation Programme, SLDC partnered up with HOME group to create a delivery plan for extra units which included spaces for 4 complex individuals. The original bid was for 16 units with the support of a clinical psychologist and

use of a trauma based approach in supporting individuals. Through negotiation with MHCLG the final approved bid was for 12 units with 4 complex spaces without the Clinical intervention. The deadline for these units to be available for occupation is February 2021 and we are confident that this deadline will be achieved if not sooner.

The monies awarded are over a three year period and total £388,987. These monies will be paid to SLDC as the local authority to then be paid to HOME group for the provision of the units. There is contract monitoring in place with MHCLG and future monies will only be paid on successful outcomes and adherence to the contract and Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU) in place. Due to the amount of funding to be received this is a key decision and is therefore included on the Forward Plan.

In addition to this we are also expected to report via the DELTA reporting system outcomes around rough sleeping and the overall spend on services to ensure compliance. Some of this data will be released into the public domain as the H-CLIC data currently is.

It also needs to be noted that the County Council are currently working to decommission all supported accommodation in Cumbria which will place additional pressures on services working with those most vulnerable in our communities and also increase demand on statutory provision. The funding allocated to South Lakeland District Council will alleviate the pressures arising from the decommissioning of this accommodation repurposing the accommodation to more fully meet the needs of individuals in South Lakeland. The Supporting People commissioned units were for low level support needs and this created issues responding to the level of needs of people presenting to the Council.

4.0 Consultation

In order to be considered for the funding SLDC have had to submit weekly returns throughout August and September around the effects of COVID and the demand for additional move on places. Through data provided by partners and verified by the Rough Sleeping Co-ordinator we were able to evidence the need in SLDC for additional resources.

5.0 Alternative Options

A leasing scheme was also considered, this would have meant SLDC would lease a building and then provide support, however at this time it is not a feasible option but may be in the future. It is also in keeping with the priorities set out in the Council's Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy 2019 to 2024.

6.0 Links to Council Priorities

Within the Homeless and Rough Sleeping Strategy for South Lakeland District council there are 4 key priorities which are:

- Homeless prevention
- Increase the supply of settled accommodation
- Ensuring the right support is available to those that need it
- Tackling complex needs

The proposal for year 2 will help in the delivery of these priorities. The proposal will also help in the delivery of the Council Plan's aim to provide 'homes to meet need'. The Homeless and Rough Sleeping Strategy can be found as a background document.

7.0 Implications

Financial, Resources and Procurement

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No additional SLDC staffing is required however the reporting and contract element will fall to the specialist in the housing options area of work as will all additional reporting not related to this funding.

Human Resources

7.2 No staffing implications

Legal

7.3 Legal Services will need to ensure that the appropriate legal agreements are entered into. This will include the MOU with MHCLG and any contractual relationship with Home Group in receiving the funding.

Health, Social, Economic and Environmental

No assessment completed as not required.

7.4 Have you completed a Health, Social, Economic and Environmental Impact Assessment? No

7.5 If you have not completed an Impact Assessment, please explain your reasons: This element is not required

7.6 Summary of health, social, economic and environmental impacts: This element is not required

Equality and Diversity.

7.7 Have you completed an Equality Impact Analysis? No

7.8 If you have not completed an Impact Assessment, please explain your reasons: Not required

7.9 Summary of equality and diversity impacts: Not Required

Risk

Risk	Consequence	Controls required
Approval not given to the DED	No additional accommodation provided, extra pressure on services	Agreement given to the DED
Accommodation not completed on time	Breach of contract agreement with MHCLG	Project plan in place with HOME group to ensure completion
Covid-19 issues result in delays to setting up the scheme.	Funding could be lost in 2020 and 2021 and individuals would not receive support and accommodation that they need.	Continue meeting with HOME group and progressing the project plan

Risk	Consequence	Controls required
Unable to recruit to support roles	No accommodation would be provided as the support is person focussed not property linked	HOME have already identified staff through the current decommissioning work ongoing and have started internal processes around redeployment

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Background Documents

Name of Background document	Where it is available
MHCLG Next Steps Accommodation Programme	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/next-steps-accommodation-programme-guidance-and-proposal-templates
Bid Proposal	\\kdc-file-user\user\$\carol.halton\COVID\COPY of NSAP - South Lakes V2.xlsx Not currently in the public domain
MHCLG confirmation of funding	\\kdc-file-user\user\$\carol.halton\NSAP\FW South Lakeland proposal to the Next Steps Accommodation Programme.msg Not currently in the public domain
MHCLG Next Steps Accommodation Programme National Funding allocations	\\kdc-file-user\user\$\carol.halton\NSAP\NSAP_allocations_RS AP_201029.pdf \\kdc-file-user\user\$\carol.halton\NSAP\NSAP_funding_allocations_105m_200917.pdf
The Homeless and Rough Sleeping Strategy	https://democracy.southlakeland.gov.uk/documents/s25966/Draft%20South%20Lakeland%20District%20Council%20Homelessness%20Strategy%202019%20-%202024%20-%20Appendix%201.pdf

Tracking Information

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Leader	N/A
Committee Chairman	N/A
Portfolio Holder	11/11/2020
Ward Councillor(s)	N/A
Committee	N/A
Executive (Cabinet)	N/A
Council	N/A

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Signed by:-	Title:-