

EXECUTIVE DECISION NOTICE

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DEX/1 ROUGH SLEEPING INITIATIVE

Summary

Consideration was given to the approval of the receipt of grant funding for year 4 for the Rough Sleeping Initiative following a successful bid by South Lakeland District Council to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government. The year 4 funding would run through to June 2022 and would assist in continuing the delivery of services to increase access into the private rented sector for those individuals either rough sleeping or at risk of rough sleeping. The funding also included an uplift to incorporate the Rough Sleeper Co-ordinator role which would assist in meeting South Lakeland District Council's Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy 2019-2024.

Decision

- (1) Approval be given for the receipt of grant funding for year 4 of the Rough Sleeping Initiative;***
- (2) The Director of Customer and Commercial Services in conjunction with the Legal, Governance and Democracy Lead Specialist (Monitoring Officer) enter into the appropriate agreements on behalf of the Council to receive and administer the grant funding for year 4; and***
- (3) Cabinet be requested to increase the income and expenditure budgets for homelessness prevention for the value of this grant.***

Reasons for Decision

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 4 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'.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

The Council could decide not to accept the monies available for year 4 but this is not recommended as it would not support the work of the Private Rented Accommodation Officer, Support Officer and Rough Sleeping Co-Ordinator currently in post to reduce homelessness and rough sleeping in South Lakeland. The work undertaken has also provided further funding opportunities to expand the offer to complex individuals and should the posts not continue numbers of rough sleepers would increase, prevention work decrease and additional costs to the council to source high cost accommodation through the private sector.