

Title of Report	AWARDING OF MHCLG ROUGH SLEEPER INITIATIVE FUNDING	
Presented by	Councillor Roger Bayliss Housing and Customer Services Portfolio Holder	
Background Papers	<u>Cabinet Report “Award of MHCLG Rapid Rehousing Funding,” 14th January 2020</u>	Public Report: Yes
		Key Decision: Yes
Financial Implications	This decision relates to the award of grant funding from Central Government for pre-determined projects received by NWLDC on behalf of all Borough/Districts Councils and Rutland, for services to be delivered by partner agencies. The funding is subject to grant conditions attached by MHCLG to ensure that spend is against projects pre-agreed with the Ministry.	
	Signed off by the Section 151 Officer: Yes	
Legal Implications	The Councils Contract Procedure Rules provide decisions to award contracts over threshold must be made by Cabinet unless delegated by Cabinet. Legal Services will assist in the drafting of any Grant Agreements being made to Delivery Partners.	
	Signed off by the Monitoring Officer: Yes	
Staffing and Corporate Implications	Funding includes a post hosted by NWLDC. The Job has been evaluated through the usual process and recruitment will follow the corporate approach	
	Signed off by the Head of Paid Service: Yes	
Purpose of Report	To delegate the authority to award Grant Agreements off all values to partner agencies of monies received under the Rapid Rough Sleeper Initiative Programmes to the Head of Housing and Property in consultation with the Portfolio holder.	
Reason for Decision	The grant payments requires expenditure in excess of officer delegated limits	
Recommendations	CABINET DELEGATES TO THE HEAD OF HOUSING IN CONSULTATION WITH THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR HOUSING AND CUSTOMER SERVICES: 1) AUTHORITY TO AWARD GRANTS AND ENTER INTO ASSOCIATED FUNDING AGREEMENTS IN	

	<p>RELATION TO FUNDING RECEIVED UNDER THE ROUGH SLEEPERS INITIATIVE FOR THE YEAR 2021/22; AND</p> <p>2) AUTHORITY TO AWARD GRANTS AND ENTER INTO ASSOCIATED FUNDING AGREEMENTS IN RELATION TO FUNDING RECEIVED UNDER FUTURE ROUGH SLEEPERS INITIATIVE, ROUGH SLEEPER FUNDING AND/OR ASSOCIATED OR SUCCESSOR FUNDING PROGRAMMES.</p>
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1.0 BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) have been offering Grants Schemes to Local Authorities to help assist rough sleepers and those at risk of rough sleeping. Since 2019 North West Leicestershire has fulfilled the role of lead authority in relation to a number of bids for funding relating to a sub-regional partnership of the Leicestershire Districts and Rutland County Council.
- 1.2 In 2019/2020 the scheme was called the Rapid Rehousing Pathway programme and 2020/21 and 2021/22 the scheme was called the Rough Sleeper Initiative (RSI). As lead authority NWLDC has successfully bid and been awarded grants under these schemes.
- 1.3 As with previous years, the 2021/22 bid was developed through a co-production model alongside specialist advisors from the MHCLG and the funding relates to specific interventions and projects agreed with them. As such there is an expectation that the funding will be passed on to those delivery partners that committed to deliver the interventions from the successful bid.
- 1.4 Although successful the specific amounts of funding awarded has not yet been circulated. Based on previous years this is expected to be in excess of £100,000.00.

2.0 FUTURE FUNDING

- 2.1 Despite being consistent over the last 3 years, funding opportunities have previously presented as one off's.
- 2.2 It is anticipated based on communications from MHCLG that rough sleeper funding will become an ongoing programme with any future funding awards made under the RSI or its successor programmes will be subject to a similar co-production model and so delivery partners who will be end point recipients of the funding will have been effectively pre-agreed with MHCLG.
- 2.3 Due to the value of annual funding, each time a bid has been successful a report has been presented to Cabinet seeking approval to enter into Grant Agreements with associated partners to spend the grant monies in accordance with the BID and terms of MHCLG's Grant Agreement with NWLDC. On each occasion Cabinet has approved this spend as proposed.
- 2.4 Given the direction of the funding programme, it is requested that Cabinet delegate authority to enter into Grant Agreements with the necessary delivery partners to the Head of Housing in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Housing and Customer Services in respect of both the 2021/22 award and future funding awarded on a similar basis. This will ensure future projects are mobilised in a timely manner.

Policies and other considerations, as appropriate	
Council Priorities:	<p>Insert relevant Council Priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Local people live in high quality, affordable homes - Our communities are safe, healthy and connected
Policy Considerations:	None identified
Safeguarding:	All partners in receipt of funding will be required to demonstrate adequate safeguarding arrangement
Equalities/Diversity:	None identified
Customer Impact:	The funding will support the delivery of services to some of our most excluded customers
Economic and Social Impact:	The funding will support a countywide rough sleeper pathway which is concerned with supporting the holistic needs of clients and mitigating the wider impacts of rough sleeping
Environment and Climate Change:	None identified
Consultation/Community Engagement:	The bid submission was developed in consultation with a number of key partners working within the homelessness field across the County
Risks:	None identified
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