



Derby City Council

**URGENT LEADER OF THE COUNCIL
CABINET MEMBER MEETING
16 May 2018**

ITEM 5

Report of the Strategic Director of Communities
and Place

Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government Rough Sleeper Fund 2018

SUMMARY

- 1.1 The report seeks approval to submit an application to MHCLG to their Rough Sleeper Fund 2018 for the sum of £416,500.
- 1.2 To approve transfer of funds to Derby Homes for delivery as detailed below.
- 1.3 There is a time pressure on this approval due to the late release from MHCLG of this opportunity and requirement to submit our proposal for final submission on 18.05.2018.
- 1.4 A requirement of a successful award will be receipt of award money on 1st June 2018 for spend being contained within the current financial year.

RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 To approve the application requesting additional resource for rough sleepers.
- 2.2 To delegate to the Strategic Director of Communities and Place, following consultation with the Strategic Director of Corporate Resources, acceptance of the grant subject to agreeable terms and conditions.
- 2.3 To approve the transfer of funds from Derby City Council to Housing Options within Derby Homes subject to a SLA.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 The last multi agency count / estimate of rough sleeping in Derby took place in November 2017, identifying 37 people who were on the streets. This was a significant increase on the previous year (2016) which captured 24 people rough sleeping.
- 3.2 The funds will provide much needed resource and coordination to tackle rough sleeping in the city.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 4.1 Earlier this year government announced a £30m fund to tackle rough sleeping nationally. Derby were highlighted as a city and place where rough sleeping levels were a cause for concern with 37 rough sleepers identified during an annual count / estimate in November 2017.
- 4.2 Representatives from MHCLG met officers of Derby Homes and Derby City Council and steered the discussion of what proposals we may submit based on opportunities in the city and gaps in provision. **Appendix 2** was provided to MHCLG prior to the visit. It was stipulated that any money awarded to Derby would be for the financial year 2018/19 with spend to occur during this period. A further amount of money may be made available for the following financial year of 2019/20.
- 4.3 The proposed approach to be taken in Derby includes a rough sleeper co-ordinator who will head a rough sleeper task force. This would be responsible for the management of an array of initiatives proposed and accountable to MHCLG on progress being made.
- 4.4 Integrated within the delivery of a task force approach the proposal considers the requirement for a further four outreach workers with responsibility for engagement and assisting rough sleepers off the streets into accommodation and access to services such as treatment.
- 4.5 The proposal also includes provision for up to five inreach workers supporting those rough sleepers in accommodation sourced for the purpose of sustainability and continuing access to other support and treatment provision.
- 4.6 During the winter months from 1st December each year through until the end of March the following year the coalition of churches, co-ordinated by Derby City Mission provide a winter nightshelter across 7 different locations rotating night by night to provide a roof, warmth and food for up to 35 individuals. This provision has formulated the main response to Derby's severe weather provision for the past four years. A proportion of any grant allocation made to Derby would be utilised to open the nightshelter provision early, providing some refuge during the Autumn period when the weather turns inclement.
- 4.7 The final component suggested between MHCLG and Housing Options was for a small personal budget fund to assist each rough sleeper with necessities and aspirations that would prevent any repeat period of rough sleeping. This would centre on an asset based approach to aid recovery and / or stabilisation.
- 4.8 The application to MHCLG, on the prescribed form, can be seen at **Appendix 3**.
- 4.9 The text in the prescribed MHCLG application is difficult to access and has therefore been summarised at **Appendix 4**.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 5.1 This model has been designed in consultation with Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Specialists from MHCLG and represents the recommended model to maximise effectiveness and potential additional funds into the city.

This report has been approved by the following officers:

Legal officer Financial officer Human Resources officer Estates/Property officer Service Director(s) Other(s)	Olu Idowu, Head of Legal Services Mandy Fletcher, Head of Finance (Communities and Place)
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IMPLICATIONS

Financial and Value for Money

- 1.1 As detailed in the body of the report, approval is requested to bid for £416,500 of additional external funding from MHC&LG through their Rough Sleeper fund. It is also requested to delegate the use of the funds to Derby Homes if successful. Currently there do not appear to be any match funding issues but the detail of this will be resolved prior to the acceptance of the grant.

Legal

- 2.1 None arising from this report

Personnel

- 3.1 None arising from this report

IT

- 4.1 None arising from this report

Equalities Impact

- 5.1 Meets the needs of vulnerable persons

Health and Safety

- 6.1 None arising from this report

Environmental Sustainability

- 7.1 None arising from this report

Property and Asset Management

- 8.1 None arising from this report

Risk Management

- 9.1 None arising from this report

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

10.1 A strong community