

ASHFIELD DISTRICT COUNCIL: EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS DECISION RECORD

Please use this form to record any Executive Decision taken by an Executive Lead Member or Chief Officer.

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE DECISION TAKER:	
<p>1. Title / Subject Matter:</p> <p>Please give a brief summary of what the decision was about. A short title for future reference would also be helpful.</p>	<p>Administration of Nottinghamshire Rough Sleeping Initiative Funding April 2022 – March 2025.</p>
<p>2. Is this a Key Decision:</p> <p>A Key Decision is one that is likely to:</p> <p>(a) Result in the Council spending or making savings of over £50,000 revenue or £1m capital, or;</p> <p>(b) Have a significant impact on two or more Wards, or electoral divisions in the Council's area.</p> <p>Yes</p>	
<p>3. Decision Taken:</p> <p>Briefly summarise what you have decided to do. For instance, to purchase a specific piece of equipment for a specific cost. Don't include any information in your summary that you would not want to be published.</p>	<p>ADC to administrate the Department for Levelling Up, Homes and Communities (DLUHC) Rough Sleeping Initiative (RSI) Funding awarded to Nottinghamshire local authorities for April 2022 – March 2025.</p> <p>ADC to administrate any match funding provided by RSI partners.</p> <p>To delegate decision-making authority to ADC's Director of Housing and Assets regarding minor amendments to the allocation of this funding.</p> <p>To apply the exceptions to Contract Procedure Rules on the grounds of both urgency (clause 17.6.1) and the limited number of specialist providers in the market (17.6.2).</p>
<p>4. Reasons for the Decision:</p> <p>Again, briefly explain why you thought this was the right decision.</p>	<p><u>RSI funding</u></p>

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Match funding

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- 0.2FTE Peer Mentor Coordinator (provider: Change, Grow, Live)

Procurement

The funding will be used to continue the rough sleeping services that have been put in place across Nottinghamshire since 2019. Advice has been taken from the Procurement Unit on how to best engage with the market to ensure best value for money for these services. The advice is to develop a new procurement framework with a number of lots. Procurement would be carried out via mini competition within each lot. Completing this work will take a number of months, meaning that procurement would not be possible through this route until at least 2024-25. As such, an exception is sought to the Contract Procedure Rules on the grounds of both urgency (clause 17.6.1) and the limited number of specialist providers in the market (17.6.2) for the period 2022-25.

The above detailed Programme Manager will be tasked with putting in place the procurement framework once in post, and engaging with key stakeholders across the Nottinghamshire housing, health and care system to identify opportunities for pooling funding and co-commissioning. It is understood that a number of services across this system will be reprocured for 2025 onwards and a workstream is being led by the County Council Public Health Team to align these activities as much as possible.

It is not yet known what DLUHC funding will be available for 2025 onwards for RSI services, nonetheless the procurement framework will be put in place in advance of any funding application process starting. Any funding secured will then be used to commission services via the framework.

5. Copy of the Report or Briefing Note setting out the information which was used as the basis for the Decision:

Please attach the relevant Report or Briefing Note. Unless classified as exempt, this information will be included with the Decision Record and published on the Council's website.

6. Was the Decision classed as exempt? If so, what were the reasons for this:

Please refer to the Constitution which explains the legal grounds for exempting from publication information used to make a decision.

No

7. Alternative Options Considered / Rejected:

Briefly summarise what other options, if any, you considered and explain why you rejected them.

No alternatives were available as ADC is the lead authority for the RSI 2022-25 funding bid.

8. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations – if applicable:

Any Declarations of Interest relating to this decision and subsequent dispensations should be listed.

N/A

9. Name / Title of the relevant Executive Lead Member(s) consulted (if appropriate):

CIlr Hollis signed original EDR

10. Name / Title of the decision taker:

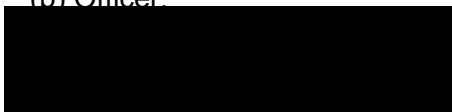
(a) Executive Lead Member:

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Please give your name and your portfolio

Or

(b) Officer:



P Parkinson

Director of Housing and Assets / DCEO

Date: 30 September 2022

TO BE COMPLETED BY DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

1. Date that the decision was notified to Members:

3 October 2022

2. Date and time when the Call-In period for this decision ends: 5pm – 10 October 2022
3. Date when the decision can be implemented (five clear working days following publication): 11 October 2022
4. Decision Reference Number (if applicable): N/A

The completed form should be emailed to the Democratic Services Team:

democratic.services@ashfield.gov.uk

They will arrange for it to be published on the Council's web site.

EXEMPT OR CONFIDENTIAL BACKGROUND INFORMATION IN SUPPORT OF THE DECISION: Use this section to share any confidential information. This will not be published or placed on the Council's web site. It will only be shared within the Authority, as appropriate.

For further support or guidance please contact Ruth Dennis, Director of Legal and Governance (and Monitoring Officer) ruth.dennis@ashfield.gov.uk or any member of the Democratic Services Team.

Report To:	EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS DECISION RECORD
Date:	30 SEPTEMBER 2023
Heading:	ADMINISTRATION OF NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ROUGH SLEEPING INITIATIVE FUNDING APRIL 2022 – MARCH 2025
Executive Lead Member:	COUNCIL AND SOCIAL HOUSING – CLLR TOM HOLLIS
Ward/s:	ALL
Key Decision:	YES
Subject to Call-In:	YES

Purpose of Report

To seek approval for ADC to administrate the Department for Levelling Up, Homes and Communities (DLUHC) Rough Sleeping Initiative (RSI) Funding awarded to Nottinghamshire local authorities for April 2022 – March 2025, as well as any match funding provided by RSI partners.

Recommendation(s)

To approve ADC to administrate the Department for Levelling Up, Homes and Communities (DLUHC) Rough Sleeping Initiative (RSI) Funding awarded to Nottinghamshire local authorities for April 2022 – March 2025.

To approve ADC to administrate any match funding provided by RSI partners.

To delegate decision-making authority to ADC's Director of Housing and Assets regarding minor amendments to the allocation of this funding.

To apply the exceptions to Contract Procedure Rules on the grounds of both urgency (clause 17.6.1) and the limited number of specialist providers in the market (17.6.2).

Reasons for Recommendation(s)

4. Reasons for the Decision:

Again, briefly explain why you thought this was the right decision.

In a joint bid by Nottinghamshire local authorities to the Department of Levelling Up, Homes and Communities (DLUHC), Rough Sleeping Initiative Funding 2022-25. ADC was the lead authority for this bid. DLUHC awarded Nottinghamshire £3,894,929 for 2022-25.

ADC will also receive the following match funding from RSI partners to administrate:

- £210,000 from local authority partners
- £120,000 from East Midlands Probation Service
- £120,000 from Nottinghamshire County Council Public Health

The funding will be used to continue and enhance the rough sleeping services that have been put in place across Nottinghamshire since 2019 utilising the previous rounds of RSI funding, as described in previous EDRs.

Alternative Options Considered

(with reasons why not adopted)

No alternatives were available as ADC is the lead authority for the RSI 2022-25 funding bid.

Detailed Information

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Implications

Corporate Plan: Providing services to rough sleepers contributes to the Council’s vision that the population of Ashfield should be living in, or can access, homes that are affordable, warm and within a safe community that promotes the health and wellbeing of residents. Additionally, it supports the aim of the Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy 2019-24 to ensure options are available to ensure no one has to sleep rough other than through personal choice.

Legal:

Relevant Contract Procedure Rules are detailed in the body of the report in relation to urgent procurement in light of the late confirmation of funding.

Legal Services will assist as required regarding the terms of any MoU or other contractual arrangements. [RLD 06/07/2022]

Finance: [PH 28/07/2022].

Budget Area	Implication
General Fund – Revenue Budget	<p>Payments will be received from DLUHC and from RSI partners throughout 2022-25.</p> <p>The payment schedule for RSI 2022-25 is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tranche 1 payment: Summer 2022 Tranche 2 payment: Autumn 2022 Tranche 3 payment: Spring 2023 Tranche 4 payment: Autumn 2023 Tranche 5 payment: Spring 2024 Tranche 6 payment: Autumn 2024 <p>A deduction will be made from the tranche 1 payment to reflect the RSI4 (2021-22) underspend amount – this was reported as £106,778.48.</p> <p>From tranche 2 onwards, payments are dependent on the mobilisation and delivery of services, engagement with monitoring processes, and a statement of expenditure</p>
General Fund – Capital Programme	N/A

Housing Revenue Account – Revenue Budget	N/A
Housing Revenue Account – Capital Programme	N/A

Risk:

Risk	Mitigation
Fail to meet the reporting requirements that are a condition of the funding	Mechanisms are already in place with delivery partners to capture the required information. The grant payments will be given a separate budget code to enable detailed monitoring of income and expenditure.
Failure to mobilise services	Many of the services are already mobilised and the funding awarded is to continue these services to 2025. For new services, conversations are already well progressed to mobilise these and our DLUHC advisor is provided with regular updates on progress.
Failure to deliver services	The RSI Coordinator meets regularly with delivery partners and collates performance data monthly to track progress. Any concerns are escalated to the Nottinghamshire RSI Steering Group and our DLUHC advisor is provided with regular updates.

Human Resources:

As the the host will be ADC as the employing Authority all ADC policies will be adhered to including the recruitment and selection process at the point of advertising following JE and approval by the Head of Paid Services for the post to be added to the Establishment. As this post is for over 2 years there will be a redundancy payment at the end of the contract, the amount will be dependant on the successful applicants length of service and age.

Environmental/Sustainability

(to be completed by the author)

There are no implications arising from administering this funding. An environmental assessment will be completed as part of the 2025 onwards procurement exercise.

Equalities:

(to be completed by the author)

There are no implications arising from administering this funding. An equalities assessment will be completed as part of the 2025 onwards procurement exercise.

Other Implications:

(if applicable)

Reason(s) for Urgency

(if applicable)

Reason(s) for Exemption

(if applicable)

Background Papers

(if applicable)

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