

# MINUTES OF MEETING Cabinet Member Signing HELD ON Friday, 8th October, 2021, 10.30 am

## PRESENT:

Councillors: John Bevan

## ALSO ATTENDING:

### 35. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

### 36. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

### 37. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RECEIPT OF GRANT FROM MINISTRY OF HOUSING COMMUNITIES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT FOR THE ROUGH SLEEPING INITIATIVE AND TO AWARD GRANTS TO PARTNERING AGENCIES.

The Cabinet Member for Planning, Licensing and Housing Services considered the report which set out the rationale to approve the receipt of grant funding from the Ministry of Housing Communities & Local Government (MHCLG) for the provision of services under the Rough Sleeping Initiative (RSI) programme. The grant was part of the fourth year of funding under the Rough Sleeping Initiative programme.

## RESOLVED

- i. That the Cabinet Member for Planning, Licensing and Housing Services approves receipt of grant funding from the Rough Sleeping Initiative Programme, to the sum of £1,626,960 as permitted under CSO 16.02 and 17.3.
- ii. That, pursuant to CSOs 16.02 and 17.3, the Cabinet Member approves the award of grant funding to relevant partner agencies listed in the table at 2.3, which were set out in the successful bid for funding.
- iii. Funding for 21/22 was separated into two tranches by MHCLG as a result of administrative delays caused by the Covid-19 pandemic. Tranche 1 covered Quarter 1 21-22 and was not subject to a bidding process but a continuation of funding from 20/21. Tranche 2 covers the remainder of the financial year 2021/22.

Figure 1: Tranche 1 funding breakdown, Q1 2021/22

Intervention	Provider	Cost
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Somewhere Safe to Stay Staging Post	All People All Places	40,556.25
Lead Outreach Workers (2 FTE)	Thames Reach Charity	26,502.75
Haringey Assessment and Crashpad Service	Haringey Council	68,229.00
Complex Needs Outreach Navigator (1 FTE)	Haringey Council	12,288.50
Strategy and Monitoring Coordinator	Haringey Council	13,292.25
Co-located Housing Needs Officers (2 FTE)	Homes for Haringey	22,741.00
Local Lettings Officers (2 FTE)	Homes for Haringey	17,066.25
Embedded Social Worker (1 FTE)	Haringey Council	14,662.94
Mulberry Junction Peer Outreach Advisor (1 FTE)	Haringey Council	8,005.96
Flexible and Bespoke Interventions	Haringey Council	5,000.00
B&B Budget	Haringey Council	10,000.00
Sub-Total		238,344.81
COVID-19 Initiatives		
New To The Streets	North London Housing Partnership	£56,162.00
Ibis Hotel extension for Q1	IBIS	262,702
Green Rooms Hotel extension for Q1	Green Rooms	111,510
Resettlement Support at hotels	Haringey Council	69,626
Sub-Total		£500,000.00
Total for Q1		£738,344.81

Figure 2: Tranche 1 funding breakdown, Q2-4 2021/22

Intervention	Provider	Cost
Lead Outreach Workers (3 FTE)	Thames Reach	117,191
Haringey Assessment and Crashpad Service	Haringey Council	£189,687
Complex Needs Outreach Navigator (2 FTE)	Haringey Council	38,438
Rough Sleeping Coordinator (1 FTE)	Haringey Council	47,112
Co-located Housing Needs Officers (2 FTE)	Homes for Haringey	68,223
Move On and Resettlement Team (3 FTE)	Haringey Council	69,715
Embedded Social Worker (1 FTE)	Haringey Council	43,999
Mulberry Junction Peer Outreach Advisor (1 FTE)	Haringey Council	25,500
Flexible Accommodation and Support Fund including 1 FTE Fund Coordinator	Haringey Council	288,750
Total		£888,615

### Reasons for Decision

This funding has been awarded to the Council following a successful bid to the Ministry of Housing Communities and Local Government. Funding success was

predicated on the ability to mobilise Covid-19 related initiatives to a gradual close during the year. The funding is ringfenced for the purpose of reducing and ending rough sleeping, as set out in the bidding process. If the Council opt not to approve receipt of the grant for the purposes set out in the bid then the funding would not be awarded.

Partner agencies All People All Places, Thames Reach Charity, and Homes for Haringey were an integral part of designing the bid, in partnership with the Council's Housing-Related Support Service. The bid focused on the strengths of each organisation, a proven track record of working in partnership to reduce rough sleeping in the borough and the ability to mobilise initiatives at the required pace.

A tender process under these circumstances would therefore not be appropriate as funding was awarded on the basis of specific initiatives and delivery partners; grant monies cannot therefore be awarded to other organisations as required under a tender process.

**Alternative options considered**

The Council could decide not to accept the grant. However, the bid for the grant was developed on a clearly demonstrated need for continuation funding for services to tackle rough sleeping in the borough of Haringey. Therefore, this option has not been considered. It is in the Council's interest to do so in order to deliver against the commitments set out in the Borough Plan (2019-2023) and Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategies (2018) to tackle rough sleeping.

CHAIR:

Signed by Chair .....

Date .....