

MINUTES OF MEETING Urgent Decisions HELD ON Friday, 19th March, 2021, 10.15 am

PRESENT:

Councillors: Emine Ibrahim

73. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

74. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

75. GRANT FUNDING TO DEVELOP SUPPORTED HOUSING FOR PEOPLE AT RISK OF ROUGH SLEEPING

Clerks note: The Chair of Overview and Scrutiny has agreed that the call-in procedure shall not apply to this urgent decision. This is because the decision is urgent and any delay in implementation caused by the call-in procedure would seriously prejudice the Council's or the public's interests due to the fact that it could result in the Council losing £2,035,000 in capital funding from the GLA's Rough Sleeping Accommodation Programme, which it needs to deliver 39 homes for single vulnerable people, 33 at the Ermine Road site that was granted planning permission on Monday 8 March. The Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee has agreed that the decision is both reasonable in all circumstances, and that it should be treated as a matter of urgency. This is in accordance with Part 4, Section H, and Paragraph 18 (a) and (b) of the Council Constitution.

The Cabinet Member for Housing and Estate Renewal considered the report which sought approval to accept grant funding being made available to the Council as part of the Greater London Authority's Rough Sleeping Accommodation Programme in order to develop bespoke supported housing for people at risk of rough sleeping.

RESOLVED to

1. Approve receipt from the GLA of £2,035,000 in capital funding to the Council through the Rough Sleeping Accommodation Programme.
2. Approve that the grant sum is added to the HRA capital programme.
3. Delegate the detail of negotiating and entering into contract with the GLA in relation to this grant to the Director of Housing, Regeneration and Planning after consultation with the Director of Finance and the Cabinet Member for Housing and Estate Renewal.

Reasons for decisions

The grant will enable the Council to provide 37 vulnerable people with high quality homes.

In so doing, it will save the Council money currently spent accommodating those people in hostel and emergency accommodation.

Alternative options considered

The Council could refuse the offer of grant from the GLA. This option was rejected because it would undermine the Council’s strategic aims and cost the Council additional money.

CHAIR: Councillor Emine Ibrahim

Signed by Chair

Date