

HOMES & COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE

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ROUGH SLEEPER INITIATIVE SUCCESSFUL FUNDING BIDS

1.0 Purpose of Report

1.1 To inform Members of the successful outcomes of two county-wide funding bids submitted under the Government's Rough Sleepers Initiative, as reported to this Committee on 14 January 2019.

2.0 Background Information

2.1 The report on 14 January 2019 provided an overview of the funding opportunities available. Members supported the Council's proactive approach of bidding for funds announced through the various funding streams linked to the Government's Rough Sleepers Strategy, with financial contributions being made from the Council's Homelessness Prevention Fund Reserve.

3.0 Successful Bids

3.1 The table below gives a brief overview of each initiative including what will be addressed, who the funding is for and the next steps:

	Who is it for	Next steps
Rough Sleeping Initiative Funding of a comprehensive street outreach team, incorporating clinicians such as prescribing nurses, mental health nurses and social workers along with additional funding for emergency accommodation.	This funding will tackle rough sleeping, both in the established community and those attributable to the use of Novel Psychotropic Substances (NPS) - Cannabinoids (Spice/Black Mamba).	£450K Awarded In addition a £10k contribution is being made all seven local authorities Governance and performance management arrangements are being discussed. It is intended that a strategic steering group will ultimately feed into the Safer Nott's Board, (terms of reference being developed) and operational groups in each locality.
Rapid Rehousing Pathway The elements of this funding are: Somewhere Safe to Stay pilots; local letting agencies; supported lettings and Navigators.	To implement a response to rough sleeping that focuses on quickly supporting rough sleepers into homes.	£511k Awarded <i>Currently awaiting confirmation from MHCLG for a breakdown of elements awarded</i>

4.0 Equalities Implications

4.1 A full Equalities Impact Assessment will be considered throughout the development of these new services.

5.0 Financial Implications Financial Implications – FIN18-19/7507

5.1 Only one bid requires a Council contribution of £10K per annum, which is intended to be funded from the Homelessness Reserve and is affordable (this was approved by this Committee on 14 January 2019)

6.0 Community Plan – Alignment to Objectives

6.1 Our commitment throughout Nottinghamshire to work towards the Government's pledge and the subsequent successful joint funding bids align to a number of the Council's objectives:

- Objective 1 - Improve the cleanliness and appearance of the local environment
- Objective 2 -Reduce crime and Anti-Social Behaviour, and increase feelings of safety in their communities
- Objective 8 -Reduce levels of deprivation in target areas and remove barriers to social mobility across the district
- Objective 9 -Improve the health and wellbeing of local residents, with a particular focus on narrowing the gap in health life expectancy and other health outcomes.

7.0 RECOMMENDATION

That Members note the contents of the report.

Reason for Recommendation

To inform Members of the outcome of the successful outcome of bids submitted under the Government's Rough Sleepers Initiative

Background Papers

Nil

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