

Nottingham City Council Delegated Decision



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Subject:	Cold Weather Funding 2020/21
Total Value:	£49,730 (Type: Revenue)
Decision Being Taken:	<p>To accept and spend £49,730 of funding from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) The funding is required for a range of services in order to enable accommodation arrangements and a flexible sum of money to be spent as identified by the Rough Sleeping Co-ordinator during periods of severe weather.</p> <p>To approve the claim to MHCLG to seek to reclaim this funding in line with the Cold Weather template attached.</p>
Reasons for the Decision(s)	<p>After an initial dip in rough sleeping numbers, following Covid-19 there has been observed an increase locally. It is a challenge to ensure sufficient supported accommodation for rough sleepers with Severe and Multiple Disadvantage (SMD) and a throughput in services to move them on to sustainable housing options.</p> <p>Nottingham City Council has submitted a successful bid to the Cold Weather Fund 2020/21 and is currently co-producing bids with the MHCLG for Rough Sleeping funding 2020/21</p> <p>The Cold Weather Fund will provide funding for the services to be delivered from 1st December 2020 to 31st March 2021 and the Rough Sleeping Initiative will provide funding for the services from 01 April 2021 - 31st March 2022.</p>
Other Options Considered:	<p>There are no other funding options available to deliver the new services outlined in the programme because existing homeless budgets are precommitted to existing provision to prevent and respond to homelessness. The service will ensure that safety and shelter will be available to entrenched rough sleepers and those increasing number of new rough sleepers arriving on the city's streets. Not implementing these actions will place the health and wellbeing of rough sleepers at risk.</p>

Background Papers:

Unpublished background papers:

CWF Nottingham City 2020 Bid V1.1 final draft 10.2.2020 (002) (002).docx

Published Works:

Delegated Decision 3776

Affected Wards:

Citywide

Colleague / Councillor Interests:

Consultations:

Those not consulted are not directly affected by the decision.

Crime and Disorder Implications:

There are no identified issues relating to crime and disorder

Equality:

EIA not required. Reasons: This decision does not relate to a new or changing service. Those individuals identified as having protective characteristics under the Equality Act are disproportionately represented within the homeless population and the service will enable access to services not currently available to them.

Decision Type:

Officer

Executive Decision?

Yes

Scheme of Delegation Reference Number or Other Source of Delegation:

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Subject to Call In:

No
The call-in procedure does not apply to the decision because the value of the decision is below the call in threshold.

Advice Sought:

Legal, Finance, Procurement

Legal Advice:

There are no legal concerns arising from this decision. Any funding must be spent in accordance with the MHCLG funding conditions. There is no specific contract arising from the funding and it is intended to be used flexibly to deliver the MHCLG objectives over a short period of time.

Advice provided by Naomi Vass (Senior Solicitor) on 29/01/2021.

Finance Advice:

A bid was successfully made to MHCLG for Cold Weather Funding and the detail of what this covers is attached in this decision. The funding is for emergency accommodation to cover Severe Weather Emergency Protocol (SWEP) over the winter period. The funding is claimed back from MHCLG at the end of the eligible period by the Homelessness Strategy Manager and it is important that the expenditure relating to this award is coded separately to allow ease of claim.

The dispensation from Financial Regulations is appropriate given the emergency nature of the accommodation and the specific requirements of SWEP and the support needed to accompany the accommodation. Advice provided by Susan Tytherleigh (Senior Finance Manager) on 22/01/2021.

Procurement Advice:

There are no procurement concerns in relation the decision to accept funding of £49,730 from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government for a range of services to enable accommodation arrangements and a flexible sum of money to be spent as identified by the Rough Sleeping Co-ordinator during periods of severe weather. The funding should be used in accordance with the grant funding conditions and in compliance with the Council's Contract Procedure Rules. Advice provided by Julie Herrod (Procurement Officer) on 28/01/2021.

Signatures:

Chris Henning (Corporate Director for Development and Growth)
SIGNED and Dated: 04/03/2021