

# Nottingham City Council Delegated Decision



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<b>Reference Number:</b>	4539
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<b>Subject:</b>	Protect and Vaccinate funding 2021-22
<b>Total Value:</b>	£335,592 (Type: Revenue)
<b>Decision Being Taken:</b>	To accept the revenue grant of £335,592 from the government Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) and spend it in accordance with the grant conditions outlined in Appendix A - Protect and Vaccinate 2021/22 Funding Guidance on the measures outlined at Appendix B - Protect and Vaccinate 2021/22 Programme of Spend.
<b>Reasons for the Decision(s)</b>	On 20th December 2021 the government DLUHC wrote to local authorities informing of a funding allocation that they were providing in response to the Omicron variant of Covid-19 (Appendix C - Protect and Vaccinate funding announcement). The funding is being made available for local authorities until 31 March 2022 with the expectation of providing shelter to vulnerable rough sleepers whilst supporting them to receive vaccinations to protect from harm and spread of the virus.
<b>Briefing notes documents:</b>	Appendix A - Protect and Vaccinate Funding Guidance.pdf, Appendix C - Protect and Vaccinate Funding Announcement.pdf, Appendix B - Protect and Vaccinate 2021-22 - Programme of Spend.docx
<b>Other Options Considered:</b>	Not to accept the funding. This has been rejected because Nottingham City Council does not have the financial resource to follow the guidance and deliver this public health initiative without the additional grant. To accept the funding but spend it in a way not specified in the programme. This options was rejected because the conditions of the grant mean that it is ring-fenced for spend on rough sleeping and according to the measures outlined in the guidance.
<b>Background Papers:</b>	None

<b>Published Works:</b>	None
<b>Affected Wards:</b>	Citywide
<b>Colleague / Councillor Interests:</b>	None
<b>Consultations:</b>	Those not consulted are not directly affected by the decision.
<b>Crime and Disorder Implications:</b>	None arising from the decision to be taken.
<b>Equality:</b>	EIA not required. Reasons: A previous EIA has been developed to cover rough sleeping services.
<b>Regard for NHS Constitution:</b>	Local authorities have a statutory duty to have regard to the NHS Constitution when exercising their public health functions under the NHS Act 2006. In making this decision relating to public health functions, we have properly considered the NHS Constitution where applicable and have taken into account how it can be applied in order to commission services to improve the health of the local community.
<b>Decision Type:</b>	Portfolio Holder
<b>Subject to Call In:</b>	Yes
<b>Call In Expiry date:</b>	08/03/2022
<b>Advice Sought:</b>	Legal, Finance, Procurement, Human Resources
<b>Legal Advice:</b>	<p>The proposals in this report seeks to approve the receipt of funding from DLUHC as part of the Vaccination and Protect funding to support rough sleepers. The money must be used in accordance with funding terms and conditions and associated guidance issued to the Council upon receipt. Any use of the funding to external third parties must be in accordance with the Council's Contract Procedure Rules and the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 to ensure compliance and best value.</p> <p>Support from legal services should be sought as required in terms of the allocation of the funding in accordance with the attached appendices.</p> <p>Advice provided by Dionne Claire Screamon (Solicitor) on 24/02/2022.</p>

**Finance Advice:**

This decision seeks the approval to receive and spend the grant allocation from DLUHC in respect of Vaccination and Protect as part of the Rough Sleepers agenda. This is a total of £335,592 made up of £297,151 for accommodation and £38,441 for Vaccinations. This is represented in Appendix B.

This funding is strictly ring-fenced and may only be used for the purposes as set in the grant determination letter. Funds are expected to be paid to Nottingham City Council early in 2022. At this point in time, this has not yet been received. There is a very clear instruction that the S151 officer sign a declared statement of spend by 14th April 2022. In order to facilitate the strict monitoring of this grant, a dedicated cost centre has been created. This is in the same division as other Rough Sleeping initiatives and will be monitored and forecast in line with all other monitoring and forecasting requirements.

Comments are complete but awaiting a follow up meeting 1st February and so amendments may be made after this date

There is a request for all RSI4 underspends to be reported by 31st January to allow possible re-purposing to this grant, but all legible spend is to March 2022 only. Any under spend must be returned to DLUHC.

Advice provided by Michelle Pullen (Commercial Business Partner) on 26/01/2022.

**HR Advice:**

The proposal identifies a resourcing requirement of 2 x 0.5fte posts. Discussions with the management team identify that internal resourcing is not the most appropriate way to support these roles and that delivery through the Council's commissioned services is the best delivery model, given their experience and expertise in outreach and community work in supporting homelessness and rough sleeping for individuals with drug and alcohol support needs. The proposal is supported.

Advice provided by Paul Slater (HR Business Lead) on 17/02/2022.

**Procurement Advice:**

This decision relates to the award of a revenue grant of £335,592 from the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) for providing shelter to vulnerable rough sleepers whilst supporting them to receive vaccinations to protect from harm and spread of the virus as detailed at Appendix B. The proposal to issue a contract variation of £38,441 to a contract with Framework Housing Association for the provision of the Nottingham Recovery Network (Drug and Alcohol Support Service) is permitted modifications under the Public Contracts Regulations 2015. The value is below the UK procurement threshold and is supported from a procurement perspective. In relation to the accommodation element, it should be ensured that spot purchases for nightly accommodation provide best value and are compliant as set out in the process for use of hotels in Appendix B. The use of all funding should comply with the DLUCH grant conditions and suitable agreements should be in place with external providers to ensure compliance and satisfactory performance.

Advice provided by Julie Herrod (Procurement Officer) on 16/02/2022.

**Signatures**

Linda Woodings as Portfolio Holder (PH Housing, Planning and Heritage)
SIGNED and Dated: 28/02/2022
Sajeeda Rose (Corporate Director of Growth & City Development)
SIGNED and Dated: 28/02/2022