

## Appendix B – Protect and Vaccinate 2021/22 – Programme of Spend

Measure	Cost	Comments
<p>1. <u>Accommodation element</u></p> <p>a) Spot purchase hotel accommodation  <i>Rooms</i> £25,000  <i>Cleaning / fines / repairs</i> £5,000  TOTAL £30,000</p> <p>b) Block booking of hotel accommodation  <i>Rooms</i> £96,660  <i>Cleaning / fines / repairs / security</i> £50,000  TOTAL £146,660</p> <p>c) Flexible fund for bespoke accommodation solutions £120,491</p> <p><b>TOTAL</b></p>	<p>£25,000</p> <p>£5,000</p> <p>£30,000</p> <p>£96,660</p> <p>£50,000</p> <p>£146,660</p> <p>£120,491</p> <p><b>£297,151</b></p>	<p>Cost of delivery of nightly accommodation from 20-12-21 to 31-03-22 through a range of providers sourced through the arrangements outlined below. Costs cover room charge and budget to cover additional damage and excessive soiling</p> <p>Cost of delivery of 20 x spaces of nightly accommodation 01-01-22 to 31-03-22 through one specified provider (Tudor Hotel) determined through the process outlined below.</p> <p>Incentive payments available to landlords / individuals on a case by case basis to enable rough sleepers or homeless individuals to secure housing directly from street homelessness or from within commissioned supported accommodation.</p>
<p>2. <u>Vaccination element</u></p> <p>a) Flexible funding for incentives and travel costs</p> <p>b) 2 x 0.5FTE Framework Nottingham Recovery Network (NRN) Support worker</p>	<p>£28,441</p> <p>£10,000</p>	<p>Incentives are goods/vouchers up to the value of £10 per person that encourage the individual to receive a vaccination. To be agreed by Public Health Officer / Rough Sleeping Coordinator. Travel costs for the service user to get for their vaccination can also be covered from this fund.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• These posts will be added as a variation to Nottingham City Council contract with Framework Housing Association for the provision of the Nottingham Recovery Network (Drug and Alcohol Support Service).</li> </ul>

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This contract was tendered and awarded in June 2016 at a value of £4,376,000 pa for a maximum term of 7 years (total £30,632,000).</li> <li>• Framework Housing Association will recruit individuals to these posts for a period of two months from 01 February 2022 to 31 March 2022 for the purpose of engaging, encouraging and supporting people who are hesitant to accept the vaccination.</li> </ul>
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£38,441</b>	
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£335,592</b>	

### Use of hotel's for Rough Sleepers

NCC's strategic system of services for rough sleepers seeks to avoid use of hotel provision as much as possible. However, the council is committed to protect rough sleepers from additional harm to health at certain times (i.e. during extreme cold weather or pandemic spikes) and capacity within the system is limited to extend to an additional immediate emergency response. Hotels remain the only accommodation solution that can be sourced at such short notice as the night it is needed.

The process for determining a provider is as follows:

- Every 7-14 days enquiries are made with all low-average cost city centre hotels to determine which providers are willing to accept placements of rough sleepers and what the costs are for spot purchase and block booking arrangements.
- NCC uses this quotation process to make a decision on booking the required number of bedspaces and nights when needed at the cheapest and most suitable option.
- Where possible a provider who is registered under the Click system will be utilised, however often such provision is unavailable or unwilling to accept rough sleeper placements, in which case an alternative provider will be selected to ensure that the council can meet its responsibilities

The majority of the time placements are made on a nightly basis and are of low value (i.e. less than £100 per night). However, during extended periods of cold weather or when guidance is received from the government relating to the Covid 19 pandemic, block booking arrangements are also sourced to ensure that immediate access shelter and safety is provided on an ongoing basis and for the continued new flow of rough sleepers, to minimise risk of harm to health or death.

Block bookings are also made to reduce the impact on placements of singles and families under a statutory duty. The rough sleeping cohort often have additional needs and risks that can lead to a provider withdrawing their willingness to work with the council. However, a stable supply of provision is

currently required to meet the level of demand for temporary accommodation under a statutory duty and losing options from the market risks breach of those legislative requirements.

Block booking arrangements are also necessary as there is not the capacity within Nottingham City Council or commissioned services to respond to the demand on a daily basis and make multiple arrangements on consecutive nights for lengthy periods (which can be up to 12 weeks if the government requests this).

All placements of rough sleepers in hotels are authorised by the Nottingham City Council Rough Sleeping Coordinator and/or Housing Aid Service Manager.