

# Nottingham City Council Delegated Decision



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**City Council**

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Subject:

Rough Sleeping Accommodation Programme 2021-24 - Round 3

Total Value:

£168,513 (Type: Capital and Revenue)

Decision Being Taken:

1) To accept £61,593 revenue funding from Governments Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) now known as the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) and £106,920 capital from Government's Homes England, combined as £168,513 funding from the Rough Sleeping Accommodation Programme (RSAP) 2021-24 to provide move on accommodation to rough sleepers in Nottingham2) To spend the RSAP funding in accordance with the schedule outlined at Exempt Appendix A - RSAP 2021-24 Round 3 - Programme of Spend3) To sign the Grant Agreement at Appendix B and Legal Opinion at Appendix C, both issued by Homes England outlining funding conditions and committing Nottingham City Council and consortia partners to their specified roles in delivery of the project4) To suspend use of the Nottingham City Council Housing Allocations Policy in accordance with section 13.1 in order to make direct offers of 5 x 1 bed properties in line with the terms included within Appendix D - Local Lettings Policy - Rough Sleepers - Housing First 5) To delegate authority to the Corporate Director of Growth and City Development to adjust the remit or reinvest any grant underspend on services for rough sleepers in agreement with the DLUHC and Homes England as demand requires, within the financial envelope of the grant.

**Reasons for the Decision(s)**

In 2021, 110 different individuals were identified by the Street Outreach Team as rough sleeping in Nottingham on one or more nights in an average month. Nottingham City Council and partners maximise all opportunities to secure government grant funding to deliver a system of services to reduce rough sleeping. However, new flow to street homelessness is a significant challenge, accounting for half of all individuals seen over 2021. At the time of the bid for the RSAP Round 3 funding, it was assumed that there was a total of 69 rough sleepers in Nottingham (31 found at the August 2021 Street Outreach count and a further 38 sheltered in rough-sleeper-specific emergency accommodation). Through the remaining planned delivery of NSAP 2020/21 and RSAP 2021/24 Round 1 and 2, we will be providing homes to 21 of these individuals, leaving 48 rough sleepers in need of settled accommodation. The RSAP round 3 proposal provides capital funding for repair, refurbishment, additional housing management and maintenance of 5 x Nottingham City Council owned and Nottingham City Homes managed one bedroom properties to be let to rough sleepers nominated in accordance with the Local Lettings Policy at Appendix D. The proposal also contains revenue funding for the delivery of a wraparound housing led approach to support to the new residents from Framework Housing Association. The 5 homes being introduced through this grant funding will be provided as move on accommodation for up to two years for rough sleepers currently in emergency accommodation but whom would thrive well in an independent living setting with in-reach support or more entrenched rough sleepers who are currently street homelessness, who have not previously achieved positive outcomes from shared supported accommodation and for whom a housing-led approach in a self-contained property will better meet their needs and maximise sustained resettlement. The homes provide a long term housing option for individuals with limited options and whom without the additional accommodation and support risk remaining street homeless or bed-blocking supported accommodation.

**Briefing notes documents:**

Appendix C - Legal Opinion - RSAP Consortia.docx, Appendix B - RSAP Grant Agreement.pdf, Appendix D - Local Lettings Policy - Rough Sleepers - Housing First.pdf

**Other Options Considered:**

1) To not bid for the RSAP funding: this option was rejected because the need for move on accommodation for rough sleepers in Nottingham remains acute and there is no other available funding source to enable delivery. 2) To accept the RSAP funding, but not spend it according to the programme outlined at Exempt Appendix A. This option was rejected because a condition of the grant is that it is ring-fenced for spend according to the predetermined programme. This includes delivery by the specified providers only, in accordance with the grant agreement issued by Homes England.

**Background Papers:**

None

**Published Works:**

Delegated decision 4086 - Acceptance of Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) Next Steps Accommodation Programme Grant Funding  
Delegated decision 4531 - Rough Sleeping Accommodation Programme 2021-24 - Round 2

**Affected Wards:**

Citywide

**Colleague / Councillor Interests:**

None

**Any Information Exempt from publication:**

Yes

**Exempt Information:**

**Description of what is exempt:**

Exempt Appendix A - RSAP 2021-24 Round 3 - Programme of Spend

An appendix (or appendices) to this decision is exempt from publication under the following paragraph(s) of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972

**3 - Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).**

The public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information because the Programme of Spend contains service costings that are commercially sensitive and, if published, could prejudice the Council's negotiating position for future commissioning as well as disadvantaging the provider in a competitive bidding process

**Documents exempt from publication:**

Exempt Appendix A - RSAP 2021-24 Round 3 - Programme of Spend.docx

**Consultations:**

**Date:** 03/08/2021

**Other:** Nottingham Registered Provider Network

Communication was issued on multiple occasions over 2021, seeking partners involvement in the Rough Sleeping Accommodation Programme and requesting that they make contact with the council if interested in bringing property forward and partnering on a proposal.

Those not consulted are not directly affected by the decision.

**Crime and Disorder Implications:**

None

**Equality:**

EIA not required. Reasons: A recent EIA has been developed in relation to rough sleeping services which applies to this grant funding.

<b>Relates to Council Property Assets:</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Decision Type:</b>	<b>Portfolio Holder</b>
<b>Subject to Call In:</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Call In Expiry date:</b>	<b>01/04/2022</b>
<b>Advice Sought:</b>	<b>Legal, Finance, Procurement, Property</b>
<b>Legal Advice:</b>	<p><b>This report seeks approval to accept and spend funding received from government for the Rough Sleeping Accommodation Programme Round 3 in the City. The Programme will be delivered by the Council as lead in collaboration with a number of delivery partners as detailed within the report. The Council must ensure compliance with the terms and conditions of the Grant Agreement with government and the other delivery partners.</b></p> <p><b>As the delivery partners are also party to the Grant Agreement there are no procurement implications directly for the Council on the spend of this funding but should any external spend in addition to this be made, it must be done so in accordance with the Council's Constitutional requirements. The report author must also seek the necessary prior approvals to ensure compliance with the prohibition imposed upon the Council within the s.114 report issued by the Council's s.151 officer dated 15th December 2021 with respect to agreements with NCH, who are a named delivery partner for this Programme.</b></p> <p><b>Legal services will continue to support the report author as required to complete the necessary formalities required by government in terms of putting in place the necessary grant agreements and opinion letters. Advice provided by Dionne Claire Screatton (Solicitor) on 21/03/2022.</b></p>

**Finance Advice:**

This decision requests the approval to accept the total funding of £168,513 from the Department of Levelling Up, Housing & Communities (DLUHC) (£61,593 Revenue) and Homes England (£106,920 Capital). Nottingham City Council is to act as lead local authority working in collaboration with existing delivery partners. NCC will be responsible for drawing down funding at the appropriate times via the Investment Management System (IMS) and in line with the spending schedule as set out in Appendix A.

The funding is to be ring fenced and allocated according to the appendix, however, the decision also seeks the approval to delegate authority to the Corporate Director of Growth and City Development to enable any slippage or underspend to be utilised within services in Rough Sleepers with approval from DLUHC and Homes England colleagues as demands change and ensuring it remains within the funding envelope.

The monitoring of this grant will be carried out on a regular basis via both revenue and capital systems to ensure full compliance with the grants terms and conditions and that delivery partners are allocated funds in a timely manner. Ensuring all outcomes and objectives are met within the specified time frames and to mitigate risks of delay.

As this is over numerous financial years, it is the responsibility of the designated officers to liaise with finance colleagues to ensure the appropriate accounting treatment is applied each year end.

As the capital element of the project is funded by ring fenced external grant, it is exempt from the current amended scheme of delegation.

Advice provided by Michelle Pullen (Commercial Business Partner) on 08/03/2022.

**Procurement Advice:**

This decision relates to the receipt and expenditure of £61,593 revenue funding from Government's Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) now known as the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, and £106,920 capital from Government's Homes England, at an overall total of £168,513 for the Rough Sleeping Accommodation Programme (RASP) 2021-24. This funding will be used to as set out in the grant funding conditions and as outlined in accordance with the schedule outlined at Exempt Appendix A - RSAP 2021-24 Round 3 - Programme of Spend. As these are grant funding arrangements, there are no procurement implications, however all funding should be used in accordance with MHCLG and Homes England grant conditions. Any allocations to providers which are not grants should be compliant with the Council's Contract Procedure Rules and the Procurement Team will support this as needed. Advice provided by Julie Herrod (Procurement Officer) on 22/03/2022.

**Property Advice:**

This proposal does not raise any concerns from a Property Services perspective. Property Services will be able to assist and advise where required to ensure this decision is implemented. Advice provided by Beverley Gouveia (Disposals & Development Manager) on 21/03/2022.

**Signatures**

Linda Woodings as Portfolio Holder (PH Housing, Planning and Heritage)
<b>SIGNED and Dated: 25/03/2022</b>
Sajeeda Rose (Corporate Director of Growth & City Development)
<b>SIGNED and Dated: 25/03/2022</b>