



EXECUTIVE

BURNLEY TOWN HALL

Tuesday 7th July 2020 at 6.30 pm

11. Temporary Accommodation for Homeless Households

Purpose

A report was submitted requesting that the Executive:

1. Approve expansion of the provision of temporary accommodation for homeless households and those rough sleeping in Burnley; and
2. To respond to the Motion to Full Council that was approved on 26th February 2020, regarding tackling homelessness and providing a night shelter for rough sleepers within the borough of Burnley.

Reason for Decision

To prevent and relieve homelessness and rough sleeping in the borough through a comprehensive approach that will focus on providing individuals with accommodation and support to access and sustain settled housing.

To expand and improve the provision of temporary accommodation in the Borough that will address identified gaps in current service provision by introducing direct access housing to assist the Council and other stakeholders to respond to immediate homelessness.

To ensure that Burnley Council, partners, and stakeholders have access to a wide and diverse range of services to meet the needs of homeless households within the borough.

To ensure that through the expansion of temporary accommodation services in the borough the type of accommodation introduced is in line with Government guidance on reducing the spread of Covid-19.

Councillor Lishman on behalf of the Executive expressed heartfelt thanks Paul Gatrell, Wilma Waddingham and the Housing Task Group for the excellent work that had been undertaken around homelessness and rough sleeping within the borough.

It was suggested by Councillor Lishman and agreed by the Executive that the Housing Tasking Group would continue to be in existence and to monitor how effective initiatives had been.

Decision

That the Executive:

1. Approves the implementation of the temporary housing scheme A Bed Every Night as set out in the report; and
2. Approves the use of £45,000, identified through the budget amendment approved at Full Council on 26th February 2020, as a contribution to fund the scheme; and
3. Reports to Full Council that the proposals in the report are more sustainable than a night shelter and will strengthen the Council`s capacity to tackle rough sleeping; and
4. Reports to Full Council that a draft Prevention of Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy has been prepared and that a consultation process would be undertaken soon.
5. That the Housing Task Group would continue to be in existence to monitor the effectiveness of current initiatives (as agreed at the meeting).