

REPORT TO EXECUTIVE



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ROUGH SLEEPING INITIATIVE

PURPOSE

1. To seek approval to accept the funding award for the rough sleeper initiative programme (RSI) in Burnley and implement a programme of services targeted at reducing rough sleeping and supporting recovery.

RECOMMENDATION

2. That the Executive approves,

acceptance of the revenue funding award of £88,666 from the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities to be utilised to fund a Temporary Accommodation Officer post to work along side the housing needs team.

the delegation of authority to the Head of Housing and Development Control to negotiate and enter into the relevant agreements for the receipt of the funding and the delivery of the services, with Rossendale Borough Council as lead local authority, Pendle Borough Council as partner local authority, and Calico Homes as service provider.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

3. To continue to provide support to rough sleepers and people at risk of sleeping rough in the Borough.

SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS

4. Since 2018 authorities in East Lancashire have worked together to secure rough sleeping funding from Department for Levelling Up Housing and Communities and have commissioned Calico Homes to deliver this support on their behalf. The funding and services provided assist the council in fulfilling its statutory duties in relation to tackling rough sleeping
5. Between 2018 and 2022 Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council led on the bid on behalf

of the East Lancashire local authorities, but in 2022 took the decision to bid separately for this funding.

6. In order to ensure East Lancashire Councils continued to benefit from the rough sleeping funding Rossendale Borough Council agreed to act as lead authority and submit the joint bid on behalf of Burnley and Pendle Councils. The bid was successful, and the Councils have been awarded a total of £418,916 to support those at risk of rough sleeping with the funding running up to 31st March 2025. The proposal is to fund 2 Rough Sleeping Navigators to work across the three local authority areas and provide temporary accommodation services within Burnley and Pendle.

7 Temporary Accommodation Officer

- 8 As part of the successful bid Burnley Council has been awarded £88,666 to fund services throughout 2022 up to 2025. The proposal is to employ a Temporary Accommodation Officer to assist with the successful move on of clients in temporary accommodation to reduce the time spent in temporary accommodation and reduce the financial burden on the Council budget. The project will also improve the level of support and assistance to those seeking a settled housing solution to reduce the risk of repeat homelessness and rough sleeping.

- 9 The Accommodation officer award will be received in three tranches,

2022/23 - £12,666

2023/24 - £38,000

2024/25 - £38,000

10 Rough Sleeping Navigators

- 11 Calico Homes have provided a Rough Sleeping Navigator service since 2018 on behalf of Burnley, Pendle and Rossendale councils and it is proposed to continue to fund this service from the funding award. The service operates out of Calico's Gateway Housing Project and seeks to identify and support those individuals found to be sleeping rough or at risk of rough sleeping. The project will employ two full time officers at a cost of £234,000 over the three-year period up to 31st March 2025.
- 12 The funding for this scheme will transfer direct from Rossendale Borough Council as lead local authority to Calico Homes as service provided. As a strategic partner and recipient of the services provided by Calico Homes there is an expectation that Burnley Council sign a Service Level Agreement with Rossendale Council Pendle Council and Calico to agree the specification of the services provided and ensure they meet our strategic objectives.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND BUDGET PROVISION

13. The funding award will cover the costs of providing the Temporary Accommodation Officer in full for the three years and the Rough Sleeping Navigator posts resulting in no additional costs to the Council. There will remain the risk of claw back if the funding is not judged to have been spent in accordance with the grant conditions, but this is considered to be a minimal risk.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

14. There are no direct policy implications. This scheme will be delivered within the Councils existing policy framework which supports the Prevention of Homelessness Strategy.

DETAILS OF CONSULTATION

15. None

BACKGROUND PAPERS

16. None

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