

Record of Officer Decision

This form is the written record of a key or significant operational decision taken by an officer.

Decision type	<input type="checkbox"/> Key Decision	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Significant Operational Decision
Contact person:	Eleanor Clark	Telephone number: 0113 3787844
Subject¹:	Rough Sleeping Initiative Fund – Request for approval to provide a grant to St Anne’s Community Services for the Somewhere Safe to Stay Hub.	
Decision details:	What decision has been taken? ² Approval of a grant of £145,834 to St Anne’s Community Services to continue the Somewhere Safe to Stay Hub until the end of March 2021.	
	A brief statement of the reasons for the decision ³ In 2019 a successful bid was made to MHCLG’s then Rapid Rehousing Pathway to pilot a Somewhere Safe to Stay Hub for women who were, or were at the risk of, rough sleeping. This supports five females at a time through overnight accommodation between 6pm and 7am, 7 days a week, and daytime support on Sundays. As well as being vulnerably housed or rough sleeping, support needs include being at risk of domestic violence, having significant health issues or engaging in risk taking behaviour such as substance misuse. The Hub is a place of safety whilst a housing solution is pursued or becomes available. MHCLG have agreed to continue this activity in 2020/21 in recognition of the work that Leeds is doing to tackle rough sleeping and begging. The grant for this year is £145,834, which contributes to an annual cost of £200,000. The difference is being paid for from the remainder of the original allocation, which runs until the end of August. The annual cost for this year has been increased to enable the Sunday opening and to take account of increased staffing costs. This provision will help meet the government’s targets to half rough sleeping numbers from the 2017 baseline by 2022 and to end rough sleeping by 2027. For Leeds this means reducing rough sleeping numbers to 14 by 2022. People who are rough sleeping and begging may be vulnerable and at risk of abuse or may present safeguarding risks to others in the city. Additional support will reduce risk to all concerned. This is a Significant Operational Decision as the total cost is over £100,000.	

¹ If the decision is key and has appeared on the list of forthcoming key decisions, the title of the decision should be the same as that used in the list

² Set out all necessary decisions to be taken by the decision taker including decisions in relation to exempt information, exemption from call in etc.


³ Include any significant financial, procurement, legal or equalities implications, having consulted with Finance, PACS, Legal or Equality colleagues as appropriate.

	<p>Brief details of any alternative options considered and rejected by the officer at the time of making the decision</p> <p>Before submitting the bid, a co-production workshop was held with MHCLG specialists, the Council and partners to identify priorities and how the available funds could best be used. The partners agreed that the pilot had demonstrated that there was a need in the city for emergency accommodation that specifically supported vulnerable women.</p>	
Affected wards:	All	
Details of consultation undertaken⁴:	Executive Member	
	The Executive Member for Communities was present at the co-production workshop and has been regularly briefed.	
	Ward Councillors	
	Others	
	A range of council departments and wider stakeholders took part in the co-production workshop.	
Implementation	<p>Officer accountable, and proposed timescales for implementation</p> <p>Julie Staton, Head of Commissioning</p> <p>Two of the posts already exist and are being extended. Recruitment for the two new posts will be carried out as soon as possible.</p>	
List of Forthcoming Key Decisions⁵	Date Added to List:-	
	<p>If Special Urgency or General Exception a brief statement of the reason why it is impracticable to delay the decision</p>	
	<p>If Special Urgency Relevant Scrutiny Chair(s)</p>	
	Signature	Date
Call In	Is the decision available ⁶ for call-in?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

⁴ Include details of any interest disclosed by an elected Member on consultation and the date of any relevant dispensation given.

⁵ Complete this section for key decisions only

⁶ Significant operational decisions are never available for call in. Key decisions are always available for call in unless they have been exempted from call in.

	<p>If exempt from call-in, the reason why call-in would prejudice the interests of the council or the public:</p>	
<p>Approval of Decision</p>	<p>Authorised decision maker⁷ Director of Resources and Housing – Neil Evans</p>	
	<p>Signature </p>	<p>Date 20/05/20</p>

⁷ Give the post title and name of the officer with appropriate delegated authority to take the decision.