

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 – targeted support for people who are rough sleeping and begging. Request for approval to provide funds to Change Grow Live (Leeds Street Outreach) for two outreach workers and two in-reach workers.	
Decision details:	What decision has been taken? ² Approval of a grant of £160,000 to Change Grow Live (CGL) to employ two outreach workers and two in-reach workers.	
	<p>A brief statement of the reasons for the decision³</p> <p>In 2018/19 a successful bid was made to MHCLG’s Rough Sleeper Initiative (RSI) for two workers to support people who are, or are at risk of, rough sleeping and / or begging to access accommodation. One would take the role of an assertive outreach worker, the second provided in-reach in hospitals and prisons. The workers was placed within Change Grow Live (CGL) which already delivered the city’s Street Outreach Team.</p> <p>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, with an increase in the number of posts to four in order to meet demand. As such there will now be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 x assertive outreach workers (including one with additional language skills to better engage with EEA clients) • 2 x in-reach workers in hospital and prison settings. <p>This will strengthen the contribution that the team can make to the Leeds Street Support Team and 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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>This is a Significant Operational Decision as the total cost is over £100,000.</p>	

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 having dedicated and specialist workers was the most effective approach for addressing risks associated with hospital and prison discharge and rough sleeping.</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>	
	If Special Urgency Relevant Scrutiny Chair(s)	
	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.