

West Yorkshire Mayoral Funds

Date: 6/12/22

Report of: Chief Officer Community Hubs, Welfare and Benefits

Report to: Director of Communities, Housing and Environment

Will the decision be open for call in? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Brief summary

On 21st October, the Mayor's Cost of Living Emergency Fund was announced to support the key regional ambition of delivering an inclusive economy.

The Fund is part of a regional package of targeted measures agreed by West Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority in response to the cost of living crisis.

This report is to accept tranche 1 (and any future tranches) of the funding, and to use £248k of this to fund the costs of running a 'warm spaces' network in Leeds. In addition, a further amount of £75k will be used to provide additional support to organisations currently delivering the Leeds Advice Contract.

Recommendations

- a) For the Chief Officer for Community Hubs, Welfare and Benefits approves the Significant Operational Decision to accept the funding, and to use this as set out in the report.

What is this report about?

- 1 This report is in reference to the West Yorkshire Mayoral Funds, the accepting of these funds and their proposed use with regard to funding the cost of a 'warm spaces' network, and to provide additional support to Leeds Advice Contract providers

What impact will this proposal have?

- 2 This proposal will ensure the delivery of a Leeds 'warm spaces' network over the colder winter months – providing essential heated spaces to those who may struggle to afford to heat their own homes during the current Cost of Living crisis. The funds will also ensure that advice provision can continue to meet the current extreme high demand (due to cost of living issues).
- 3 Consideration has been made regarding the requirement for an ECDI associated to this work, however both the Warm Space provision and the Leeds Advice Contract are accessible to all customers who may need the support, and are both city wide provisions. Therefore there is no requirement for an ECDI at this stage.

How does this proposal impact the three pillars of the Best City Ambition?

☒ Health and Wellbeing

☐ Inclusive Growth

☐ Zero Carbon

- 4 This proposal impacts the Health and Wellbeing 'pillar' by providing heated spaces to residents who may not be able to afford to heat their own homes.

The work of the Council's Financial Inclusion and Welfare and Benefits teams contributes to achieving Leeds Best City Ambition, which sets at its heart the mission to tackle poverty and inequality and improve the quality of life for everyone who calls Leeds home.

What consultation and engagement has taken place?

Wards affected: city wide

Have ward members been consulted?

☐ Yes

☒ No

- 5 Consultation the with Executive Member for Communities, Housing and environments has taken place.

What are the resource implications?

- 6 All of the projects and services referred to in this report are being undertaken within current budgets, there are no additional resource implications arising from this report.

What are the key risks and how are they being managed?

- 7 There are no key risks associated with this work

What are the legal implications?

- 8 There are no legal implications as part of this work

Options, timescales and measuring success

What other options were considered?

- 9 There were no other options to be considered

How will success be measured?

10 Success will be measured by number of people accessing warm space provision/s , and through the number of people accessing advice provision/s.

What is the timetable and who will be responsible for implementation?

11 Implementation will be immediate and the officer responsible is Nick Hart

Appendices

- None

Background papers

- None