

## Budget Option 2018/19 – 2019/20

### Public Health

#### Cumulative Net Savings

<b>Reference:</b>	PH 2
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2017/18 £'000	2018/19 £'000	2019/20 £'000
0	25	25

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<b>Proposal Description</b>	Withdrawal of £25k of Public Health re-allocated budget from the homelessness service
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<b>Details of Proposal (including implications on service delivery)</b>	<p>The £25k reduction is Public Health's contribution of an existing much larger homelessness budget of £220.239.</p> <p>The implications on homelessness services will not be noticeable as other sources of funding via the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) and external grants will be utilised to provide an enhanced homelessness service in 2018/19.</p>
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<b>Implications on other Services (identify which services and possible impact)</b>	<p>This funding contributes towards Adult Social Care and Housing; homelessness service that delivers all aspects of homeless prevention.</p> <p><b>Impact</b></p> <p>The Housing Revenue Account will be spent on additional staffing resources to increase capacity in the Housing Options Service. This will provide support to prevent homelessness and will also help prepare for introduction of the Homelessness Reduction Act.</p> <p>In 2017/2018 additional Government funding has been received to support the new Homelessness Reduction Act duties. This will also help to replace the loss of funding from public health. The new grant funding is as follows:</p>
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1. £102,519 - Flexible Homelessness Support Grant (2017/18)
2. £112,430 - Flexible Homelessness Support Grant (2018/19)
3. £65,535 – New Burdens Funding (2017/18)
4. £60,030 - New Burdens Funding (2018/19)
5. £74,120 - New Burdens Funding (2019/20)
6. £9,200 – One off payment for the upgrade to ICT systems to record Government monitoring returns.
7. £50,000 - Rough Sleeper Funding (2017/18)
8. £50,000 - Rough Sleeper Funding (2018/19)
9. £200,000 – Domestic Abuse Funding ( 2017/18)
10. £91,809 – Homelessness Prevention Grant (2017/2018)
11. £92,250 - Homelessness Prevention Grant (2018/2019)
12. £92,711 - Homelessness Prevention Grant (2019/2020)

The addition funding totals:

2017/18 = £519,063  
 2018/19 =£314,710  
 2019/20 = £166,831

The following information gives further details behind each fund.

**The Flexible Homelessness Support Grant and New Burdens Funding** will support the introduction and new duties of the Homelessness Reduction Act. This will include all prevention activities such as support and advice to all homeless households or those threatened with homeless irrespective of priority need.

The public Health funding paid for:

- Top up payments to secure private rented accommodation
- Administration charges for private rented accommodation when the applicant is unable to afford the payment themselves
- Cold weather provision
- Additional staff time where outreach work is completed at Clearways, Probation, Swallownest Court, Prison
- Additional staff time to support CSE victims and liaison with all agencies involved, including attendance at meetings
- Additional staff time to liaise with private landlords/lettings agents and housing providers to support people with complex needs to sustain their tenancies
- Identifying and working with rough sleepers

**The Flexible Homelessness Support Grant and New Burdens Funding** will cover the cost of the above. It is also proposed that this funding cover other prevention measures including new prevention officers, bond and rent in advance schemes and additional outreach work.

**The Rough Sleeper Funding** will be utilised to pay for a Development Coordinator who will work sub regionally and support the work of the Prevention Officers in identifying rough sleepers and carrying out assessments to support individuals in a personalised way.

The Service is proposing to procure a street outreach service in

	<p>Rotherham which will give us accurate intelligence of the issues rough sleepers face and the support they require.</p> <p><b>Domestic Abuse Funding.</b> This has provided accommodation with support for victims of domestic abuse that would not normally be able to access refuge. E.g. due to age of children and pets. Intensive support is offered in the accommodation. One property has been set up and a further property will be set up in the New Year.</p> <p>The funding has also provided support to victims of domestic abuse and also includes a perpetrator programme.</p> <p>Other actions to prevent homelessness include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- In May 2017 the Allocation Policy was revised to include those owed a reasonable preference to local connection exemption criteria</li> <li>- Staff training</li> <li>- Implementation of pre housing register interviews and workshops</li> <li>- A review of the Housing Options structure and procedures for homelessness presentations</li> <li>- Set up a new "Side by Side" provider forum to prepare for the revised Homelessness Strategy</li> <li>- Implement Housing Related Support to include a Housing First Contract</li> <li>- Review and Implement the Homelessness Code of Guidance which includes revisions of all homelessness decision letters and issuing revised Personal Housing Plans for all customers</li> <li>- Revision of provision of temporary accommodation</li> </ul>
<p><b>Support required from Corporate Services – Finance, HR, Legal, ICT (please specify)</b></p>	<p>Finance to realign budgets</p>
<p><b>Reduction in Staffing Posts (FTEs)</b></p>	<p>Nil</p>
<p><b>Reduction in Head Count</b></p>	<p>Nil</p>
<p><b>Decision Maker: Cabinet, Commissioner or Officer/Management Action</b></p>	<p>Officer / Manager Action</p>