

The Purpose of the Meeting

- To seek direction on the use of the additional Homeless Prevention Grant

Links to the Housing Strategy Priorities

1. Build High Quality Sustainable Homes - HRA ✖
2. Improve Safety Quality and Energy Efficiency of Homes - HRA ✖
3. Supporting our residents to live independently, including through prevention of homelessness - GF ✔
4. Ensuring that our neighbourhoods are safe, happy, and thriving - GF ✔

Homelessness Prevention Grant Available

Homelessness Prevention Grant allocation for 2024-25	Homelessness Prevention Grant top up 2024-25	Homelessness Prevention Grant 2024-25 Total allocation	Homelessness Prevention Grant uplift for 2025-26	Homelessness Prevention Grant 2025-26 Total allocation
595,123	201,012	796,135	450,644	1,246,779
Already spent			-130k	
Remaining grant			324k	

Cost of the preferred proposals

	Service Initiative	Approved	Use of the remainder of the grant	Notes
Approved	Homelessness Prevention Grant	454		
1	Target Offender project - Approved	-82		Already approved, April 2025, Officer Decision
2	Private Rented initiatives - Approved	-48		Already approved
Proposals				
1	Procure dispersed step-down accommodation provision for people at risk of rough sleeping		-208	Use external provision
2	Recruit Commissioning Officer to procure and manage the contract		-53	Salary costs only
3	Create permanent post of Placement Support and Rough Sleeper Manager to work (currently filled by interim manager).		-63	Salary costs only Top Priority – Lead proposal
	Balance remaining	324	0	

Detailed benefits of the proposals

Proposal 1 - Commission Dispersed Move on Step Down supported accommodation for people at risk of rough sleeping requires funding of circa £208k pa	Proposal 2 - Recruit to a new permanent post of Commissioning Contract Officer (FTE) = £53K (1&2 linked)	Proposal 3 – Create a permanent post of Placement Move On & Rough Sleeper Manager = £ 63K (This is the top priority)
THE BENEFITS	THE BENEFITS	THE BENEFITS
<p>Improve the pathway for Rough Sleepers Immediate relief from the dangers of sleeping rough, such as exposure to weather, violence, and health risks.</p> <p>Give a secure environment that fosters a sense of dignity and stability. Facilitate access to mental health care, substance misuse support, and physical health services</p> <p>Provide greater throughput – avoid use of hotels</p> <p>Improve health and well being Encourages progression to more independent living arrangements, such as private rentals or social housing Prevents repeat homelessness</p>	<p>Staffing resources will carry out market engagement, co-design of the model, procurement and mobilisation for the proposed new supported accommodation.</p> <p>Will also assist in the contract management of the additional 28 units of accommodation that have been implemented (includes changes to pathways, monitoring of implementation, ongoing contract management and reviews)</p>	<p>Staffing resources will maintain and further improve performance to prevent homelessness</p> <p>Give better outcomes for homeless households</p> <p>Continue to reduce the flow in and out of temporary accommodation, thereby reducing hotel expenditure.</p>

Headlines Benefits - Homelessness Improvements

Measure	July 2024	July 2025
Number of homelessness cases per Homelessness Officer	36	24
Total open homelessness cases	509	431
More homelessness cases closed than taken	During July New 164, closed 170	During July New 167, closed 174
Improved Homelessness Prevention activity – PO8 Council Plan target of 85%	81%	91.8 %
More homelessness cases in the Prevention duty	July = 139	July = 160
Fewer homelessness cases in the relief duty (physically homeless)	July = 194	July = 124
Hotel Usage	July = 47	June = 15 July = 18
Families placed in hotels	July = 9	July = 0
Monthly expenditure on hotel	July £166,043	June £33,009 July £59,831(Increase due to placing 17 households on a short-term basis due to a fire)