



Decision Pathway – Report

PURPOSE: Key decision

MEETING: Cabinet

DATE: 03 October 2023

TITLE	Rough Sleeping Accommodation Programme (RSAP) Revenue Grant Funding	
Ward(s)	City wide	
Author: Paul Sylvester	Job title: Head of Service, Housing Options	
Cabinet lead: Cllr Tom Renhard, Cabinet Member for Housing Delivery and Homes	Executive Director lead: John Smith, Interim Executive Director Growth and Regeneration	
Proposal origin: BCC Staff		
Decision maker: Cabinet Member Decision forum: Cabinet		
<p>Purpose of Report: To seek approval to accept and spend £792,888 revenue grant funding awarded by the Department of Levelling Up Housing and Communities as part of the Rough Sleeping Accommodation Programme.</p>		
<p>Evidence Base:</p> <p>1. Background</p> <p>The DLUHC launched the Next Steps Accommodation Programme (NSAP), subsequently called the Rough Sleeping Accommodation Programme (RSAP), to support rough sleepers into long term accommodation. The programme offers capital and revenue funding to secure move-on homes, available as long-term assets, and accompanying support services to achieve a sustainable reduction in rough sleeping.</p> <p>BCC submitted bids for NSAP and for multiple rounds of RSAP. In total, BCC was successful in securing up to £9,180,522 capital funding and up to £1,478,037 revenue funding to deliver a total of 150 units. BCC has partnered with St Mungos, DHI and Places for People to fulfil these schemes under RSAP, as well as acquiring and developing BCC accommodation to be supported by the Temporary Accommodation Team.</p> <p>Two of the schemes have withdrawn from RSAP over this time (Greville House: 1 unit, Mews House: 6 units). Therefore the current number of units that will be delivered is 143.</p> <p>The original revenue funding was awarded to provide support until March 2024. In April 2023 DLUHC unexpectedly awarded additional revenue funding with an inflationary uplift of 10% to enable these units to be maintained until March 2025. The maximum revenue available across all units is £792,888.</p> <p>This is all external grant funding, with no contribution needed from BCC.</p>		

A breakdown of this additional funding is given in the table below:

NSAP	Units	Support Provider	2024/25 Revenue funding
Ashton Rise (HRA)	8	BCC	
HRA Conversions	10	BCC	£79,200.00
St Mungo's Acquisitions & Whitehall Road	9	St Mungos	£51,100.00
St Mungo's Whitehall Road	14	St Mungos	£44,275.00
RSAP Round 1	Units	Support Provider	2024/25 Revenue Funding
HRA Conversion - Coronation Road	2	BCC	£40,241.00
Kingsland Road (HRA)	8	BCC	£10,395.00
RSAP Round 2	Units	Support Provider	2024/25 Revenue Funding
BCC Acquisitions	15	BCC	£84,392.00
Existing HRA stock	5	BCC	
St Mungos Acquisitions	10	St Mungos	£31,625.00
Resonance / DHI acquisitions	34	DHI	£146,577.00
Malachi Project	8	Places for People	£48,722.00
RSAP Round 5	Units	Support Provider	2024/25 Revenue funding
Conversion of 1B Amercombe Walk	4	BCC	
St Peters	2	BCC	
Brentry	2	BCC	
Brunel Ford	1	BCC	
Inns Court	5	BCC	
Imperial Apartments	60	BCC	£143,000.00
		Total	£792,888.00

Cabinet Member / Officer Recommendations:

That Cabinet:

1. Authorises the Executive Director of Growth and Regeneration in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Housing Delivery and Homes to accept and spend the DLUHC/Homes England grant funding of up to £792,888 including procuring and entering into contracts over the key decision threshold, on the continued implementation of RSAP.
2. Authorises the Executive Director of Growth and Regeneration in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Housing Delivery and Homes to take all steps required to vary contracts and grant agreements that are in place with providers for the delivery of RSAP as required.
3. Authorises Executive Director of Growth and Regeneration to invoke any subsequent extensions/variations specifically defined in the contract(s) being awarded, up to the maximum budget envelope outlined in this report.

Corporate Strategy alignment:

This proposal aligns with the following priorities in the Corporate Strategy:

1. Increase the supply of affordable homes.
2. Reduce and prevent homelessness and rough sleeping.
3. Reduce the number of households in temporary accommodation.
4. Help prevent homelessness by building and retaining social housing.

City Benefits:

1. The proposal will assist people who are rough sleeping and recovering from rough sleeping to access accommodation and support, improving their health and reducing the physical and mental health impact of homelessness.
2. The accommodation will support the reduction of rough sleeping in the city and will prevent people from having to spend time on the streets and/or in emergency and temporary accommodation.
3. Supported Move-on and the associated support service is being specifically designed to increase people's ability to sustain accommodation and increase resilience to homelessness. It will have a long-term positive effect on rough sleeping numbers in the city and help prevent repeat homelessness for individuals.

Consultation Details:

1. The proposals included in the bid were developed with the input from a range of colleagues in Housing and Landlord Services, homelessness sector partners, Registered Providers and other key stakeholders.
2. Consultation with Cabinet Member for Housing Delivery and Homes has taken place.
3. There is no requirement for public consultation.

Background Documents:

- Rough Sleeping Accommodation Programme: Prospectus and guidance (outside of Greater London): https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1051222/RSAP_2021-24_Prospectus_2022.pdf

Revenue Cost	£792,888.00	Source of Revenue Funding	All revenue costs will be covered by external grant from DLUHC and eligible service charges
Capital Cost	£0	Source of Capital Funding	Not applicable
One off cost <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ongoing cost <input type="checkbox"/>	Saving Proposal <input type="checkbox"/>	Income generation proposal <input type="checkbox"/>

Required information to be completed by Financial/Legal/ICT/ HR partners:		
1. Finance Advice: This report seeks formal approval for accepting an additional grant of £792,888 to extend support for another year until March 2025 that DLUHC has made available. Previous approved bids for funding included capital grant for 143 units of accommodation for people who are, or recovering from, rough sleeping and, revenue funding for associated support up to end of March 2024. As with the existing funding already approved and accepted by the Council, this additional revenue grant funding doesn't require any match funding. The new grant will extend essential support for the people accommodated for an additional year and this will help in sustaining their tenancies. The additional funding will help mitigate the risk that they will present as homeless in the near future.		
Finance Business Partner: Martin Johnson – Interim Finance Manager Housing Services – 7 September 2023		
2. Legal Advice: The procurement process must be conducted in line with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 and the council's own procurement rules. Legal services will advise and assist officers with regard to the conduct of the procurement process and the resulting contractual arrangements.		
Legal Team Leader: Husinara Jones, Team Leader/Solicitor - 6 September 2023		
3. Implications on IT: I can see no implications on IT regarding this activity.		
IT Team Leader: Alex Simpson, Senior Solution Architect, Policy, Strategy and digital - 5 September 2023		
4. HR Advice: The funding extension will enable continued support for people at risk of or experiencing homelessness until the end of March 2025. In relation to HR implications, the units acquired and provided by BCC will be staffed through the Temporary Accommodation Team and they will take up their posts when the funding becomes available.		
HR Partner: Celia Williams, HR Business Partner – 5 September 2023		
EDM Sign-off	John Smith, Interim Executive Director Growth and Regeneration	9 August 2023
Cabinet Member sign-off	Cllr Tom Renhard, Cabinet Member for Housing Delivery and Homes	8 August 2023
For Key Decisions - Mayor's Office sign-off	Mayor's Office	4 September 2023

Appendix A – Further essential background / detail on the proposal	NO
Appendix B – Details of consultation carried out - internal and external	NO
Appendix C – Summary of any engagement with scrutiny	NO
Appendix D – Risk assessment	YES
Appendix E – Equalities screening / impact assessment of proposal	YES
Appendix F – Eco-impact screening/ impact assessment of proposal	YES
Appendix G – Financial Advice	NO
Appendix H – Legal Advice	NO
Appendix I – Exempt Information	NO
Appendix J – HR advice	NO
Appendix K – ICT	NO
Appendix L – Procurement	NO