

Meeting: Housing Committee

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Wards Affected: All

Report Title: Housing Policy and Funding Update

Is the decision a key decision? No
When does the decision need to be implemented?

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1. Proposal and Introduction

- 1.1 This report provides updates on the most recent changes to Government policy and funding that may impact on the delivery of the Council's Housing Strategy. It includes information on successful funding applications for projects.
- 1.2 Torbay Council submitted a funding bid for further work to tackle rough sleeping. And has been successful in securing £278,785 for 2018/19. Torbay Council has also volunteered to be on the LGA sounding board for homelessness.
- 1.3 The Council, in partnership with the CCG was successful in securing £1m funding from NHS England to deliver an autism-friendly housing scheme. Work to progress this scheme is now underway.
- 1.4 The Government's consultation on the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and other supporting documents closed on May 10. Torbay submitted a response, led by strategic planning, with input from Community Housing Managers. The response to this expected in the summer.
- 1.5 The Government's response to the Supported People's funding consultation is still awaited.

2 Proposed Decision

- 2.1 That the Director of Adult Services and Housing ensure that actions to accommodate these proposed changes are incorporated into the refreshed Housing Strategy Action Plan 18-19.

3. Reason for Decision

- 3.1 To ensure the Council makes best of use of resources to meet its ambition and objectives and is able to respond efficiently and effectively to newly identified opportunities and policy context.

Supporting Information

4 CLG money to tackle for Rough Sleeping

- 4.1 Torbay Council were approached by central government to submit a bid for further work to be undertaken to tackle rough sleeping. Criteria have been restricted with regards to what the bid could focus on. Funding of £279,785 has been awarded for 2018/19 for the following:
1. **Supported Lodgings** (10 units) until April 19, for use as temporary accommodation for young people (16-25) with additional support tenancy sustainment and complex cases.
 2. **Young person outreach** (18-25): This provision would enhance the current outreach service. Service would also link in with young person mediation service, specialist youth homeless service and Housing Options.
 3. **Resettlement service:** Ability to provide a support and access to accommodation service through the recruitment of 3 FTE to those moving from the streets/temporary accommodation/hostel.
 4. **Female Temporary Accommodation:** 6 bed HMO with a resource room to enable activities and appointment to take place and facilitate floating support.
 5. **Discretionary Relief Duty:** Additional funds to allow the LA to exercise discretionary powers under the relief duty of HRA.
 6. **Rough Sleeping Co-ordinator** (6 months): Role to ensure that PHP are being facilitated by organisations, ability to performance manage and identify and provide solutions to inefficiencies in the delivery of the partnership activity

5 NHSE Funding for Autism-Friendly Housing Project

- 5.1 The Council was successful in securing NHSE funding. Work is now ongoing in partnership with a Housing Association to identify a suitable property and complete the Project Initiation Documents must be completed by June 30th 2018.

Appendix One: Briefing Transforming Care Partnership – accommodation for complex clients

Background Documents

Government Initiative to reduce Rough Sleeping

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-government-initiative-to-reduce-rough-sleeping>