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PART 1 – PUBLIC DOCUMENT

ALLOCATION OF GOVERNMENT FUNDING FOR ACCOMMODATION AND SUPPORT SERVICES FOR SINGLE HOMELESS PEOPLE

REPORT OF SERVICE DIRECTOR - REGULATORY

EXECUTIVE MEMBER: COUNCILLOR SEAN PRENDERGAST

COUNCIL PRIORITY: PEOPLE FIRST

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1. The demand for accommodation and support services for single homeless people, particularly those with complex support needs, has risen significantly over the past few years and support for this cohort remains an urgent priority and requires specialist support services.
- 1.2. The Council has received ringfenced homelessness funding totalling £889k over three years from the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC). £340k has been received as annual Homelessness Prevention Grant funding for 2022/23 whilst a further £549k of funding for three years (2022/23 – 2024/25) was awarded to the Council following a successful partnership bid to the DLUHC's Rough Sleeping Initiative.
- 1.3. This report details proposals for the allocation of this funding for specialist services and interventions for vulnerable single homeless people.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1. That Cabinet approves the allocation of *Homelessness Prevention Grant* funding (2022/23) as follows:
 - A) Metropolitan Thames Valley Housing (£73k)
 - B) To offset Department of Work and Pensions Housing Benefit subsidy loss (£150k)
 - C) To secure hotel provision over the winter months (£36k)
- 2.2. That Cabinet approves the allocation of *Rough Sleeping Initiative* funding for the financial years 2022/23, 2023/24 and 2024/25 as follows:
 - A) Haven First (£78k, £77.4k and £68.2k)
 - B) Keystage Housing (£86.2k, £85.6k and £75.4k)

3. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1. There is an urgent need for high quality accommodation-based support services for single homeless people in the district. Adopting the recommendations at 2.1 – 2.2 would secure the provision of these services for the next few years, which is in line with the priorities set out in the Council's Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy, contained within the Council's Housing Strategy 2019-2024.
- 3.2. The support services outlined in this report are crucial to enable single homeless people with complex needs to have the opportunity to live independent lives and ending the cycle of repeated homelessness.

4. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 4.1. Cabinet could decide against approving the proposed allocation of government funding. However, this would potentially reduce the availability of accommodation and support services for single homeless people locally. In the absence of this specialist service, the Council would once again have to place large numbers of applicants in hotels (which are often outside of the district as many local hotels refuse to accept Council clients). This makes it extremely difficult for clients to engage with and receive assistance for any support needs whilst also incurring significant costs for the Council.

5. CONSULTATION WITH RELEVANT MEMBERS AND EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS

- 5.1 The Executive Member for Housing and Environmental Health, Cllr Sean Prendergast has been consulted and is supportive of the proposals contained in this report.

6. FORWARD PLAN

- 6.1 This report contains a recommendation on a key Executive decision that was first notified to the public in the Forward Plan on 7 June 2022.

7. BACKGROUND

- 7.1. As a local housing authority, the Council has legal duties to assist households who are homeless or who are threatened with homelessness, and to provide accommodation for homeless households in 'priority need' – primarily families and vulnerable individuals. The Council no longer owns or manages any housing stock and it therefore works with housing providers (some with allied support services) to meet local needs.
- 7.2. The Council's Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy, which is contained within the Council's Housing Strategy 2019-2024, identifies as a priority the need to improve the provision of accommodation and support services for single homeless people and especially those with complex support needs. Accommodation options for this cohort are extremely limited, with only one permanent homeless hostel in the district at the time, run by Haven First in Hitchin, which offered dormitory style accommodation for male clients only. While settle housing (formerly North Hertfordshire Homes) has a contract to provide temporary accommodation to the Council, this is largely family accommodation and also not suitable for people with high or complex support needs.
- 7.3. The Covid-19 pandemic revealed the single homeless cohort to be much larger than previously understood and highlighted the urgent need for accommodation and support

for this group as significant numbers approached the Council for assistance following the government's 'Everyone In' directive. 'Everyone In' effectively extended councils' emergency accommodation duties to include single homeless people and the Council accommodated almost 200 people during the course of the pandemic in line with this directive (in addition to its usual accommodation duties to households in priority need).

- 7.4. An information note provided to [21 June 2022 Cabinet](#) gives further detail about the high and ongoing demand for accommodation and support services for single homeless people. Although Covid-19 restrictions have now been removed, the updated table below shows that demand from this cohort remains significantly above pre-pandemic levels. The Council remains reliant on hotel placements where alternative accommodation cannot be immediately sourced or where applicants' needs are too high/complex for available services. Over the last two financial years, hotel bookings have cost the Council in excess of £500k.

Households in temporary accommodation (snapshots at year/mid-year end)

	31/3/19	31/3/20	31/3/21	31/3/22	30/9/22
Total households in TA at year end	85	93	136	104	96
<i>Of which:</i>					
single households	15	33	72	46	38
hotel placements	4	19	58	15	11

- 7.5. Support needs amongst this cohort are extremely high - over 60% of single people placed in temporary accommodation over the past year had two or more support needs. Unfortunately, whilst the Council has immediate duties towards homeless households, many of our vulnerable clients struggle to access, or have not met thresholds of need for other statutory support services such as Herts County Council, Herts Partnership Foundation Trust, Probation, the NHS and other bodies. As a result, many struggle to cope without support leading them to be evicted from multiple accommodation placements or refused access to services resulting in a cycle that is repeated over the course of years.
- 7.6. In response to this urgent need, the Council, working with local partners, has begun to develop a new integrated pathway of accommodation and support for local single homeless people. This was made possible during the pandemic by the rare opportunity to secure suitable accommodation locally, lack of accommodation having always been the key limiting factor on new service provision. The Keystage PAIRS (Provision for Assessment, Intervention and Resettlement Support) service operates at the former Lord Lister hotel site in Hitchin and a complementary Haven First service operates at the former Templars hotel at 20 High Street in Baldock.
- 7.7. Both Keystage and Haven First are specialist providers and their schemes deliver accommodation and round-the-clock on-site support for local people on the single homeless pathway and particularly those with multiple support needs. Access to both schemes are through direct referral from the Council with the Housing team working closely with both providers to maximise positive outcomes for clients. Keystage Housing and Haven First also work closely with external specialist services in order to provide clients with support tailored to their needs – thus bringing together agencies such as

health, social care, criminal justice departments etc as well as housing support. A mental health and substance dependency outreach support service is provided by Hertfordshire County Council. As part of the successful bid to the Rough Sleeping Initiative, DLUHC has provided extra funding for this client group in recognition of the high staffing ratios that are required to ensure accommodation-based support services are appropriately resourced. Clients can stay for a maximum of 18 months, with the ultimate goal of moving-on to more independent accommodation.

- 7.8. Keystage is contracted to provide a service operating out of the former Lord Lister site for a minimum period of ten years (with the Council receiving exclusive access to all vacancies), receiving £200k of grant funding as set out in the delegated decision taken on [13 August 2021](#). A [25 January 2022](#) delegated decision allocated an additional £83k of grant funding for the more intensive level of support of clients with complex needs up to July 2022. Haven First acquired the 20 High Street site on a temporary basis during the pandemic and a delegated decision to support the scheme until 31 March 22 was taken on [18 May 2021](#).
- 7.9. Typically homelessness grant funding from central government is awarded on an annual basis – and often well into the financial year to which it relates - which makes planning for future provision extremely difficult. This year, 2022/23, the Council received £339,826 in Homelessness Prevention Grant (HPG) which is ring fenced for homelessness prevention and relief work. In addition to this, the Council has been fortunate to have also received a total of £549,216 to cover three years, 2022/23–2024/25, from the government's Rough Sleeping Initiative 2022-25 (RSI5) after submitting a bid to fund the single homeless pathway. The RSI5 bid was coproduced with Keystage Housing and Haven First alongside DLUHC specifically to support their accommodation and support schemes for local single homeless people with complex needs.
- 7.10. A delegated decision to allocate £81k of the HPG was taken on 28 June 2022 (please see: [Record of Decision made under Delegated Authority \(north-herts.gov.uk\)](#)), however the remaining amount of £259k has yet to be allocated. Confirmation of RSI5 funding was received in May 2022 and has not yet been allocated because of delays in obtaining decisions for planning applications for the Keystage and Haven First schemes. Planning approval for PAIRS was obtained on 20 September 2022 with 20 High Street, Baldock being agreed at 1 December 2022 Planning Control Committee.

8. RELEVANT CONSIDERATIONS

- 8.1 Demand for accommodation-based support services for local single homeless people remains high and an urgent outstanding need. Those who are assessed to be vulnerable as a result of their support needs will likely be owed a main housing duty and as the table below illustrates, the increased numbers of single households are driving an increase in the overall number of households owed a main housing duty. Future demand is likely to remain high with the current cost of living crisis and ongoing scarcity of affordable accommodation in the private rented sector locally.

Households owed a main housing duty

	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	1/4/22 – 30/9/22
Households owed a main housing duty	89	65	90	128	65
<i>Of which:</i>					
Families	73	51	56	70	34
Singles	16	14	34	58	31

- 8.2 Having responded to the immediate urgency of the Covid-19 emergency with the rapid deployment of new services provided by Keystage Housing and Haven First, the aim now is to consolidate this provision and develop a stable and sustainable pathway for single homeless people. The Keystage service has been secured for a minimum ten-year period, with flexibility built into the contract, allowing for the service to be adapted as the Council's needs evolve. The opening of the new 40-unit homeless hostel in Protea Way, Letchworth is likely to be one such point of step-change. However, although the scheme was granted planning permission in February 2021, there has been little progress since then and indeed some uncertainty about its future. There have been significant increases in construction costs and Haven First, the scheme provider, has since announced its merger with One YMCA, which is due to complete on 1 April 2023. Haven First is seeking to extend their lease of 20 High Street for a further three years in the interim.
- 8.3 RSI5 funding was awarded to the Council to support the provision of its single pathway services for those with the most complex support needs, the demand for which the Council set out in a detailed self-assessment as part of its co-produced bid. The Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) confirmed the funding award in May 2022, summarised in the table below:

	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	Total
Total RSI5 awarded	£203,400	£189,100	£156,716	£549,216
<i>of which:</i> emergency accommodation for rough sleepers	£39,150	£26,100	£13,050	£78,300
<i>and:</i> enhanced complex needs service @ PAIRS and 20 High St	£164,250	£163,000	£143,666	£470,916
(a) PAIRS	£86,231	£85,575	£75,425	£247,231
(b) 20 High Street	£78,019	£77,425	£68,241	£223,685

- 8.4 It is proposed the emergency accommodation allocation will be retained by the Council to partially offset net hotel cost. The remainder for the enhanced complex needs services will be divided between PAIRS and 20 High Street in proportion to the accommodation on offer, as set out in rows (a) and (b) above (21 rooms and 19 rooms respectively). This will fund additional support for those with the most intensive needs as - sector wide - these schemes are very expensive due to the amount of staff hours required to ensure residents' support needs are met.

- 8.5 Keystage Housing, which manages the PAIRS service, currently operates as a Community Interest Company, which means that the Council does not recoup the full cost of Housing Benefit it pays on behalf of PAIRS residents, from the Department of Work and Pensions (DWP). It is therefore proposed to allocate part of the HPG to offset the cost of the lost Housing Benefit subsidy; for 2022/23, it is estimated that this could be up to £150k.
- 8.6 It is proposed to allocate a further £73k of HPG funding to Metropolitan Thames Valley Housing (MTVH), to fund a two- year pilot of a 6-bed scheme in Letchworth specifically for homeless single women with complex needs (the scheme is located across two properties, both owned by Hertfordshire County Council (HCC)). Broadly speaking, a third of single homeless people with the highest needs are women. Most have a history of poor mental health and 70% have experienced some form of abuse (domestic, sexual or other). Again, of those with the highest needs, women are also more likely to have drug dependency needs and to be a young person requiring support; they are less likely to have an offending history or a history of rough sleeping. This funding will be matched by HCC as they also recognise the need for this service. MTVH currently operates the units as low-level provision for single people with mental health needs, under contract to HCC; should this proposal be agreed, there will be a transitional period as existing residents move on and issues such as the existing lease are reviewed.
- 8.7 It is proposed the remaining amount of £36k of HPG will be used to fund the block booking of ten hotel rooms over two local sites for a 12-week period over November 2022 to February 2023 to cover the required Severe Weather Emergency Provision, intended to accommodate those at risk of, or experiencing, rough sleeping in freezing winter conditions. This will secure the local provision of rooms as hotel options are becoming increasingly limited due to high demand levels and the growing number of hotels who are unwilling to work with the Council.
- 8.8 In terms of future allocations of HPG, DLUHC have mentioned a possible two-year allocation from 2023/24. The timing of any announcement is not yet known, however a further report is likely to be presented to the Cabinet in early 2023 with further proposals, which will also provide an opportunity for the Cabinet to consider additional options should any HPG for the current year remain unspent.

9. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1. The Housing Act 1985 Section 1 (1) confirms that the District Council is the Local Housing Authority (LHA).
- 9.2 LHAs' homelessness duties are contained within the Housing Act 1996 Part VII, as amended by the Homelessness Reduction Act 2017 which placed significant new duties on English local housing authorities.
- 9.3 LHAs have a legal duty to provide interim (also known as emergency) accommodation to homeless applicants, if, at any point during their enquiries, there is a reason to believe that an applicant may be:
- homeless
 - eligible for assistance, and
 - in priority need

If an LHA fails to provide interim accommodation, or if the accommodation provided is unsuitable for the applicant, this can be challenged by way of judicial review.

- 9.4 The LHA also holds the 'Relief Duty' which applies when a council is satisfied that an applicant is homeless and eligible for assistance; it requires the Council to take reasonable steps to help the applicant secure that suitable accommodation becomes available for the applicant's occupation for at least six months. This therefore requires the Council to work with the applicant to help them find and retain accommodation to meet this legal duty.
- 9.5 The Cabinet's Terms of Reference provides at paragraph 5.6.15; "To oversee the provision of all the Council's services other than those functions reserved to the Council".
- 9.6 When agreeing the Adoption of a new Housing Strategy (2019-2024) in March 2019, the Cabinet also resolved the following:

In the event the MHCLG provides homelessness funding beyond the financial year 2019/20, the Cabinet authorises the Service Director – Regulatory, in consultation with the Executive Member for Housing and Environmental Health, to decide on the specific allocation of the funds in order to meet homelessness priorities, for the duration of the Strategy.

- 9.7 Should Cabinet agree the proposals in this report, relevant steps will be taken to ensure compliance with the Council's Contract Procurement rules contained in section 20 of its Constitution.

10. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 10.1 The Council received a Homelessness Prevention Grant allocation of £339,826 for 2022/23 from DLUHC, which is ring fenced for homelessness prevention and relief work.
- 10.2 Following a coproduced funding bid (with Keystage Housing and Haven First) under the government's Rough Sleeping Initiative (2022-25) to fund the single homeless pathway, DLUHC has awarded the Council a total of £549,216 over three years, 2022/23–2024/25.

11. RISK IMPLICATIONS

- 11.1. The proposals in this report seek to support homeless people with complex needs off the street, on the path to independent resettlement; without these services, there is a risk of homeless people with complex needs continuing the cycle of repeated homelessness with negative outcomes for the individuals and wider society.

12. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 12.1. In line with the Public Sector Equality Duty, public bodies must, in the exercise of their functions, give due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation, to advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations between those who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.

- 12.2. An Equality Impact Assessment has been completed and is attached as Appendix 1. The assessment notes the potential positive impacts this decision will have for some of the most vulnerable members of the community in North Hertfordshire.

13. SOCIAL VALUE IMPLICATIONS

- 13.1. The Social Value Act and “go local” requirements do not apply to this report, however, the proposals contribute to social value by providing community benefits that would otherwise not be realised.

14. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

- 14.1. There are no known Environmental impacts or requirements that apply to the proposals in this report.

15. HUMAN RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 15.1 No impact.

16. APPENDICES

- 16.1 Appendix 1 – Equality Analysis

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18. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 18.1 DLUHC’s Homelessness Prevention Grant allocations: [Homelessness Prevention Grant: 2022 to 2023 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/grants/homelessness-prevention-grant-2022-to-2023)

- 18.2 DLUHC’s Rough Sleeper Initiative allocations: [Rough Sleeping Initiative: 2022 to 2025 funding allocations - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/grants/rough-sleeping-initiative-2022-to-2025-funding-allocations)

Appendix 1 - Equality Analysis

1. Name of activity:	Integrated pathway of accommodation and support services for single homeless people (allocation of additional government grant - RSI5 and HPG 2022/23)							
2. Main purpose of activity:	To provide accommodation-based support for single homeless people, especially those with complex needs, with the ultimate aim of assisting them into independent living. Additional grant funding will enable the provision of intensive support to clients with the most complex needs.							
3. List the information, data or evidence used in this assessment:	NHC Locata database of housing advice and homelessness approaches. NHC assessment of single homelessness in the district, submitted as part of Council's bid to DLUHC's Rough Sleeping Initiative round 5 (RSI5). Information note to 21 June 2022 Cabinet : update on the demand for accommodation and support services for single homeless people. DLUHC Ending Rough Sleeping for Good Shelter analysis homelessness and BAME community Centrepont LGBTQplus safe spaces ONS statistics Deaths of homeless people in England and Wales							
4. Assessment								
Characteristics	Neutral (x)	Negative (x)	Positive (x)	Describe the person you are assessing the impact on, including identifying: community member or employee, details of the characteristic if relevant, e.g. mobility problems/particular religion and why and how they might be negatively or positively affected. Negative: What are the risks? Positive: What are the benefits?				
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				Accessible accommodation is provided for within the pathway (although, generally, supply is a challenge because of the extreme scarcity of affordable accommodation in the district).
A person of a particular race	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	x	Negative
				Positive
				Minority ethnic groups are more likely to experience homelessness with black people in particular more than three times as likely to (borne out nationally and by our local data, with 7% of single people approaching as homeless in 2022/23 to date being black, despite comprising 2% of the North Herts population). Additional funding for the single homeless pathway is therefore likely to benefit this group in particular.
A person of a gay, lesbian or bisexual sexual orientation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	x	Negative
				Positive
				National evidence points to LGBTQ+ people being more at risk of homelessness however local data suggests a very small number of LGBTQ+ people applying as homeless in the district (4 in 2022/23 to date, although non-response rates are large).
A person of a particular sex, male or female, including issues around pregnancy and maternity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	x	Negative
				Positive
				The lack of accommodation for single homeless women with complex needs has been identified as a gap in our local service provision, with historic hostel provision being dormitory style male only accommodation. Additionally, almost one-fifth of single people approaching as homeless have experienced or are at risk of some form of abuse, including sexual and domestic, with the majority of these being women. Funding has therefore been proposed for a new female only scheme (2 year pilot) in the district, part-funded by HCC. This will provide support and accommodation for 6 women at a time.
A person of a particular religion or belief	x (the majority of applicants did not respond)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Negative
				Positive
A person of a particular age	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	x	Negative
				Positive

				<p>Young people are more likely to be faced with homelessness and rough sleeping (under 25s made up 19% of those owed a homelessness duty by the Council for assistance this year). Additional funding for the pathway is therefore likely to particularly benefit younger applicants although decisions as to support and accommodation offered to applicants will always be determined by homelessness legislation and statutory guidance (as in all cases). Note that national evidence shows that life expectancy of rough sleepers is far shorter than for the population as a whole so interventions aimed at this cohort as a whole will promote positive health outcomes.</p>
Transgender	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	x	Negative
				Positive
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5 Results

	Yes	No	
Were positive impacts identified?	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	Additional funding for the single homeless pathway will enable intensive support to be provided to those with the most complex support needs. This cohort includes some of the most vulnerable people in the district who, without assistance, will continue to face ongoing barriers to positive life outcomes (including repeated homelessness, exclusion from society, poverty and ill health) and lack of opportunity to address support needs.
Are some people benefiting more than others? If so explain who and why.	x	<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>This intervention is aimed at those with the most complex support needs, including those with mental health issues, poor physical health, substance misuse and victims of violence and abuse (most likely to be women). Young people, ethnic minority groups and LGBTQ+ people are more likely to experience homelessness, therefore these groups may also benefit more than others.</p> <p>Service providers on the pathway will be required to monitor and report on key measures of performance including outcomes by protected characteristics.</p>
Were negative impacts identified (what actions were taken)	<input type="checkbox"/>	x	

6. Consultation, decisions and actions

If High or very high range results were identified who was consulted and what recommendations were given?

Consultation has taken place through the planning approvals process and through routine channels of communication with ward councillors, service providers and other specialist agencies in the local homelessness sector.		
Describe the decision on this activity		
See Planning decisions . Earlier delegated decisions relating to funding of the pathway were taken on 18 May 2021 , 13 August 2021 and 25 January 2022 .		
List all actions identified to address/mitigate negative impact or promote positively		
Action	Responsible person	Completion due date
Regular and close working with service providers through formal and informal contacts will highlight any issues in a timely way.	Contract managers	ongoing
When, how and by whom will these actions be monitored?		
Ongoing and regular dialogue with service providers; formal monitoring and reporting as per contractual agreements. Separate DLUHC monitoring and reporting requirements of NHC for DLUHC funded interventions. Also regular internal monitoring of housing and homelessness activity, published in MIS.		
7. Signatures		
Assessor		
Name: Tiranan Straughan	Signature** T F Straughan	
Validated by		
Name: Martin Lawrence	Signature** M Lawrence	
Forward to the Corporate Policy Team		
Signature** G R CHAPMAN		
Assessment date: 02/12/2022	Review date: 02/12/2023	

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