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– Claire Johnson (ext.1154)

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1/43/20-21	Cllr Needs Cabinet Member for Social Housing	Monday 1 March 2021	Part 1	Grant Funding for Rough Sleepers Accommodation	KD 5244	All	Yes Friday 26 February 2021	1-2

DECISIONS

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LIST REFERENCE: 1/43/20-21

SUBJECT TITLE OF THE REPORT:							
GRANT FUNDING FOR ROUGH SLEEPERS ACCOMMODATION							
Part 1 or 2 (relevant exempt Paragraph)	Wards affected by decision	Decision taken by	Date Decision comes into effect	Interest declared in respect of the Decision	Category of decision (i.e. Key, Non-Key, Council, Urgent)	Contact Details	Eligible for Call-in & Date to be called in by
Part 1	All	Cllr Needs Cabinet Member for Social Housing	Monday 1 March 2021	None	KD 5244	Amena Matin Amena.matin@enfield.gov.uk 0208 1484384	Yes Friday 26 February 2021
DECISION							
<p>AGREED subject to not being called in:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To approve the GLA grant funding allocation of £9.082m and expenditure for acquisition and management of properties and relevant funded support services, for the specific use of move-on accommodation for rough sleepers. 2. To agree the transfer of grant to Housing Gateway Ltd under a funding agreement for the purchase of up to 73 homes for the delivery of the GLA Rough Sleeper's Accommodation Programme. 3. To approve the entering into the GLA Funding Agreement (Revenue) and establishment of posts for the delivery of the 4 year programme related to the GLA support funding under the Rough Sleeper's Accommodation Programme. 4. To approve the investment and expenditure for the design and planning of newbuild homes for move-on accommodation on land owned by the Council at Bullsmoor Lane. 5. To delegate the approval to enter into the GLA Grant Funding Agreement to the Director for Housing and Regeneration, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Social Housing, and completion of all necessary agreements, including leases and licences required between Housing Gateway Ltd and the Council. 							
ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED							
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To meet the needs of rough sleepers in the borough, the Council is unable to scale up much needed accommodation and support within existing financial resources. If the funding agreement is not entered in, this means 73 bedspaces will be lost to transition rough sleepers into longer term accommodation and the risk is the clients will return to the streets during the pandemic. This has potential to create a public health risk for the individuals and the wider borough. 							

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Since the start of the Covid-19 pandemic, we have seen approximately 276 vulnerable people housed in hotels and other forms of emergency accommodation in the borough. This includes people coming in directly from the streets, people previously housed in shared night shelters and people who have become vulnerable to rough sleeping during the pandemic. As of January 2020, 159 rough sleepers have moved on from their emergency accommodation, with 102 of these supported into longer term accommodation.
2. The current crisis underlines the importance of accessing external funding for those in emergency accommodation as a result of the pandemic as well as provision of longer term homes for those who left the streets a while ago, and are currently in hostels or other supported housing and ready to move on with their lives. There is also a pressing need for longer-term homes for those who remain or arrive on the streets, particularly given predictions of increasing homelessness arising from the economic impacts of Covid-19.
3. A key feature of the GLA funding is that it comprises not only capital funding, for the development, acquisition or refurbishment of homes, but also a very significant element of revenue funding. This means that for every home delivered, up to four years' support can be funded. Revenue funding can also be used for other purposes, including minor repairs.
4. Crucially, this funding is highly flexible, so it can be used for a wide variety of schemes and approaches, on a capital or revenue-only basis or with a combination of both.
5. The Council submitted a combined bid for £9.082m as below, which is the highest approved allocation in the whole of the UK and whilst this will provide welcome provision it will not address the needs of all those in need of long-term accommodation.

GLA reference no.	No. homes	Scheme type	Funding recipient (homes)	Funding allocation for homes		Funding recipient (support)	Funding allocation for support
				Capital	Revenue		Revenue
sh14a	25	New build modular	London Borough of Enfield	£2,500,000		London Borough of Enfield	£892,056
sh14c	20	Purchase and repair		£2,911,340			£722,192
sh14e	28	Purchase and repair		£1,381,333			£675,069
Total	73			£6,792,673			£2,289,317

BACKGROUND

Please note that a copy of the Part 1 report is available on the Council's democracy pages.