


Individual Mayoral Decision Proforma Decision Log No:	 TOWER HAMLETS
Report of: Ann Sutcliffe, Corporate Director, Place	Classification: Unrestricted
MHCLG Rough Sleeping Initiatives 2020/21	

Is this a Key Decision?	No
Decision Notice Publication Date:	N/A
General Exception or Urgency Notice published?	N/A Exemption from call in notice published
Restrictions:	N/A
Reason for seeking an Individual Mayoral Decision:	The MHCLG is late in announcing this funding award and sending an MOU for consideration resulting in less than 6 weeks to seek an agreement from Cabinet to vary service delivery contracts to continue and expand rough sleeping services

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 The Mayor is being asked to approve two contract variations, one for the council's commissioned Enhanced Rough Sleeping Outreach Service (EROS) number DR5450 for £635,501 and one for the council's commissioned Resource Centre for Rough Sleepers number PL5242 for £126,242.
- 1.2 These variations are the result of the council being successful in its bid to the MHCLG's Rough Sleeping Initiative 2020/2021. This one year funding is to continue and expand a range of innovative and effective rough sleeping services. The MHCLG grant is ring fenced and delivery organisations are identified to ensure services are speedy expanded and the continuity of current MHCLG funded services are not put at risk. In addition, The City of London's is contributing £88,659 from their Rough Sleeping Initiative 2020/21 award as agreed with the MHCLG to enable the expansion of the Rough Sleeping Navigators Service that is shared with, but lead by Tower Hamlets. In principle, a small amount of match funding from LBTH's DAT service, totally £35,000 is also included.

- 1.3 Mayoral approval is being sought as the grant exceeds the level of authority available to corporate directors under the Council's scheme of delegation.
- 1.4 The council has received notification of the award and the accompanying MOU. We expect to shortly receive the Grant Award letter.
- 1.5 The reasons for these decisions are:
 - 1.5.1 In the national Rough Sleeping Strategy 2018, the Government has set out its aim to end rough sleeping by 2027, halving it by 2022. In January 2019, the council launched our five year Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy which echoes this commitment. In December 2019, the Prime Minister committed to ending rough sleeping by the end of this Parliament in 2024 – 3 years earlier than the previous commitment. Without these new funding Government streams it is very unlikely we can achieve this aim.
 - 1.5.2 In addition, were these recommendations not to be approved, all new services which started under the MHCLG RSI 2018/19 and 2019/20 would need to cease by 31 March 2020. This action would leave rough sleepers who entered into new accommodation options, without support and at risk of returning to the street. This includes: rough sleepers in the council's new Housing First Pilot; those with complex needs currently in B&B and on Safe Seats; and those ear marked to enter the Crash Pad later this month
 - 1.5.3 In addition, it is likely that the gains made in the reduction to the council's rough sleeping figures would be lost. It would also put at risk the council's reputation with MHCLG – opening ourselves to challenge as to the level of our commitment to end rough sleeping as well as putting future funding opportunities at risk. It would also put our NFNO partnership with the City of London at jeopardy and as a consequence severely limiting the council's homelessness prevention options for those at risk of rough sleeping.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 The Mayor is recommended to:
 - 2.1.1 Approve a variation to St Mungo's Enhanced Rough Sleeping Outreach (EROS) contract number DR 5450 for £635,501.
 - 2.1.2 Approve a variation to Providence Row's Resource Centre for Rough Sleepers contract number PL5242 for £126,242.

2.2 The funding is being awarded through:

2.2.1 Tower Hamlets' MHCLG's Rough Sleeping Initiative (RSI) 2020/21 Award that will enable roles and services that are currently funded under the MHCLG Rough Sleeping Initiative (RSI) 2019/20 to continue and expand between 1 April 2020 and 31 March 2021, totally £638,084.

2.2.2 The City of London's MHCLG Rough Sleeping Initiative 2020/21 Award to enable the expansion of a Rough Sleeping Service (Navigators) that is shared with, and lead by Tower Hamlets, totally £88,659


2.2.3 In principle, a small amount of match funding from LBTH's DAT service, totally £35,000 will be included.

2.3 The MHCLG RSI funding is ring-fenced for agreed services and named organisations. We have received the grant notification and a MOU containing these details. We are expecting to receive the Grant Award letter shortly.

APPROVALS


1. (If applicable) Corporate Director proposing the decision or his/her deputy

I approve the attached report and proposed decision above for submission to the Mayor. I confirm that the Mayor and/or Lead Member have agreed to this decision being taken using this process.

Signed  Date

2. Chief Finance Officer or his/her deputy

I have been consulted on the content of the attached report which includes my comments.

Signed  Date 5/3/20

3. Monitoring Officer or his/her deputy

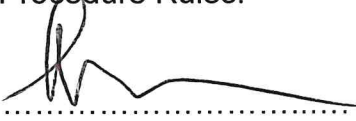
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(For Key Decision only – delete as applicable)

I confirm that this decision:-

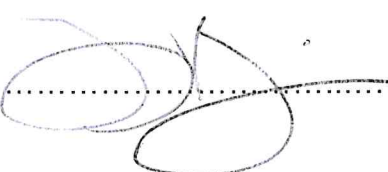
(a) has been published in advance on the Council’s Forward Plan OR

(b) is urgent and subject to the ‘General Exception’ or ‘Special Urgency’ provision at paragraph 18 or 19 respectively of the Access to Information Procedure Rules.

Signed  Date 5/3/20

4. Mayor

I agree the decision proposed in the recommendations above for the reasons set out in Sections 1 and 3 of the attached report.

Signed  Date 5/3/20