

SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

INDIVIDUAL CABINET MEMBER DECISION RECORD

The following decision was taken on 02 August 2018 by the Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods and Community Safety.

Date notified to all members: Friday 3 August 2018

The end of the call-in period is 4:00 pm on Thursday 9 August 2018

Unless called-in, the decision can be implemented from Friday 10 August 2018

1. **TITLE**

New Burdens Funding for Homelessness Reduction Act

2. **DECISION TAKEN**

That the new burdens funding is accepted.

3. **Reasons For Decision**

The new burdens funding is made available to councils to allow them to provide adequate resources to implement the Homelessness Reduction Act 2017, and therefore to comply with their statutory duties. The required increase in staff resources, temporary accommodation, IT and administration needs to be funded to allow Housing Advice and Options to do this.

Allocating the new burdens funding to Housing Advice and Options will, in addition to allowing the council to comply with its legal obligations, allow Housing Advice and options to deliver a much more personalised service, with evolving personal housing plans a key component. It will also allow us to provide much improved homeless prevention and relief services to the public to retain current accommodation and find good, appropriate alternative accommodation where appropriate. As these principles are embedded into the heart of the service, it is intended that there will be a reduction in the revolving door of homelessness, and a consequent improvement in people's lives.

4. **Alternatives Considered And Rejected**

No other options have been considered as Housing Advice and options are the only team whose primary role it is to work within the legislation concerning homelessness. It is this team which will be delivering the service which implements the Homelessness Reduction Act, so it seems logical that this would be the team which receives the new burdens funding.

5. **Any Interest Declared or Dispensation Granted**

None

6. **Respective Director Responsible for Implementation**

Executive Director, Place

7. **Relevant Scrutiny Committee If Decision Called In**
Safer and Stronger Communities Scrutiny Committee