

## SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

### INDIVIDUAL CABINET MEMBER DECISION RECORD

The following decision was taken on 13 August 2018 by the Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods and Community Safety.

Date notified to all members: Monday 13 August 2018

The end of the call-in period is 4:00 pm on Friday 17 August 2018

Unless called-in, the decision can be implemented from Saturday 18 August 2018

1. **TITLE**

Flexible Homelessness Support Grant

2. **DECISION TAKEN**

That the DCLG grant offer of £403,595 (2017/18) and £442,613(2018/19) and £491,515 be accepted.

3. **Reasons For Decision**

The flexible homeless support grant is a ring fenced grant made available to councils to use on prevention activities and stop people having to stay in temporary accommodation for long periods of time if at all. Evidence has shown that we need to focus on early prevention work to shift the focus on prevention work at an earlier stage that are proactive before a crisis occurs. To stop the use of temporary accommodation we will need to offer help earlier and offer tailored advice for people who are at risk of homelessness. Evidence shows that a disproportionately high number of single people with physical and mental health concerns are accepted as homeless and we need to target this group for prevention work. Offering more tailored advice and early intervention will stop people being placed in temporary accommodation which is unsuitable for people and is associated with high costs.

4. **Alternatives Considered And Rejected**

No other options were considered as the grant is ring fenced to be used for homeless prevention activities.

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

