

## **SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL**

### **OFFICER EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD (Non Key)**

The following decision was taken on 12 July 2019 by the Director of Housing and Neighbourhoods Service.

Date notified to all members: 15<sup>th</sup> July 2019

Officer Non-Key decisions are not subject to call-in.

1. **TITLE**

Rough Sleeper Initiative Funding

2. **DECISION TAKEN**

That the Director;

- *Approves the acceptance of £412,926 funding grant for a period from April 2019 until 31st March 2020*
- *Approves the implementation of the spending plan as set out in this report.*
- *Approves the award of a grant of £42,692 to Devonshire Green Medical Centre to fund a Street Outreach Nurse as described in the report.*

3. **Reasons For Decision**

The grant from the MHCLG will allow the local authority to mitigate against future reductions in budgets and to test approaches to tackling rough sleeping in Sheffield. It will enable the Council and its partners to target the most vulnerable people sleeping rough or at risk of street homelessness.

4. **Alternatives Considered And Rejected**

Compared to most core cities the number of rough sleepers in Sheffield is relatively low. However numbers have increased both locally and nationally. The Council and partners is successful in preventing people from becoming homeless and helping the majority of people off the streets quickly. However, the Council decided to bid for the funding to enable a tailored and bespoke approach for those considered 'vulnerable and entrenched in rough sleeping'. The current activity focussed on prevention and reducing rough sleeping will continue and develop, while this additional funding enables the Council facilitate a community wide approach to resettle people and prevent further homelessness and rough sleeping. Without this funding this team could not be established and there is a risk of rough sleeper numbers increasing.

5. **Documents used in making decision:**

The Non Key Decision Report.

6.1 **Any conflict of interest declared by any Executive Member who is consulted by the Officer when making the decision**

None

6.2 **Any dispensation granted by the Head of Paid Service**

None

7. **Respective Director Responsible for Implementation**

Director of Housing and Neighbourhoods Service