

SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

INDIVIDUAL CABINET MEMBER DECISION RECORD

The following decision was taken on 15 March 2021 by the Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods and Community Safety.

Date notified to all members: Monday 15 March 2021

The end of the call-in period is 4:00 pm on Friday 19 March 2021

Unless called-in, the decision can be implemented from Monday 22 March 2021

1. TITLE

Administration of the Waking Watch Relief Fund

2. DECISION TAKEN

Agreed that:

1) approval be given to the Council accepting up to £1m from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) from the Waking Watch Relief Fund and the New Burdens (Administration) Grant of £31k.

2) approval be given to the Council entering into a Memorandum of Understanding with the MHCLG for the Waking Watch Relief Fund as outlined further in the report.

3) approval be given in principal to the Council making payments of grants to successful third-party applicants in line with the eligibility criteria provided by MHCLG as detailed further in the report.

4) delegated authority be granted to the Director of Housing and Neighbourhood Services in consultation with the Director of Legal and Governance and the Director of Finance and Commercial Services to approve applications to this fund, enter into grant agreements and make grant payments to successful third-party applicants up to the Council's allocation of up to £1m.

5) to the extent not already delegated to them by the Leader's Scheme of Delegation, delegated authority be granted to the Director of Housing and Neighbourhood Services, in consultation with the Director of Legal and Governance and the Director of Finance and Commercial Services, to take any other decisions necessary in order to meet the aims and objectives of the report.

3. Reasons For Decision

Fire safety is a high priority for the city and nationally. The approval to receive this funding and to delegate the approval on application to the Director of Housing will ensure that we can ensure application meet the criteria and take a risk-based approach to target the blocks that need this intervention. By funding the installation

of appropriate fire alarms, we can ensure the immediate safety of occupants and to also remove the costly burden of Waking Watch from leaseholders.

4. **Alternatives Considered And Rejected**

As this is Government funding there is no alternative proposal as the City Council can not use their own funds for this work.

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

None

6. **Respective Director Responsible for Implementation**

Director of Housing and Neighbourhoods Service

7. **Relevant Scrutiny Committee If Decision Called In**

Safer and Stronger Communities Scrutiny Committee