

Subject:	Social Impact Bond – Entrenched Rough Sleepers		
Date of Meeting:	27th November 2017		
Report of:	Executive Director Health & Adult Social Care		
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Ward(s) affected:	All		

FOR GENERAL RELEASE

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT AND POLICY CONTEXT

- 1.1 This report is to provide an update on the development of the Social Impact Bond funding for work with entrenched rough sleepers following a successful bid to the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG).

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That the committee note the contents of this report.

3. CONTEXT/ BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 In December 2016 Brighton & Hove City Council acted as the lead authority for a group of five authorities in a joint bid to the Department of Communities and Local Government for funding to work with entrenched rough sleepers using innovative approaches initially financed by way of social impact bonds (SIB). Entrenched rough sleepers are classified as individuals who have had lengthy periods of homelessness accompanied by unsuccessful spells spent in supported or independent accommodation.
- 3.2 The bid was submitted as a partnership with Hastings Borough Council, Eastbourne Borough Council, Arun District Council and Adur and Worthing Council.
- 3.3 This model of procurement allows the local authority to commission a service purely based on outcomes and the providers have flexibility around how to deliver the service. Funding is only released upon a successful outcome being achieved.
- 3.4 The service provider is responsible for ensuring funding is in place which is sufficient to provide working capital to fund and deliver the results which will enable outcome payments to be made. The provider may have funding available to enable the work to be undertaken without third party resources but more likely the provider will seek investment from a social investor secured by a Social Impact Bond.

- 3.5 The council will be responsible for monitoring the outcomes achieved by the provider and seeking payment for the outcomes in arrears from the DCLG.
- 3.6 On the 23rd March 2017 the Executive Director of Health and Adult Social Care was delegated authority to procure and enter into contract with a provider for a Rough Sleeper Support Service. On the 18th July 2017 Brighton and Hove City Council sought tenders for this service. On 29th August 2017 the tender was closed. One bid was submitted for the area of Arun and Adur & Worthing. No bids were received for Brighton and Hove, or Eastbourne & Hastings. No contract was awarded.
- 3.7 On the advice of Brighton and Hove City Council Procurement, the Commissioning Manager leading this work has now directly engaged in negotiations with the council's existing rough sleeper outreach provider, St Mungo's who delivered the first Pan-London Homelessness Social Impact Bond between November 2012 and October 2016, commissioned by the Greater London Authority.
- 3.8 A named cohort of people will be identified and worked with over the 4 years of the project. The new ICT system Bthink will be used to evidence the outcomes achieved.
- 3.9 We will be utilising the new Bthink system to track outcomes for clients and verifying the evidence submitted.
- 3.10 Payments are related to accessing and sustaining accommodation, mental health and substance misuse services and taking up volunteering and employment.
- 3.11 The service is also part of a DCLG commissioned research project into the impact and effectiveness of different interventions for rough sleepers, with particular focus on mental health and substance misuse.
- 3.12 Delivery of the service will end in 2021.

4. ANALYSIS & CONSIDERATION OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 4.1 This is a programme of work and funding laid out by the DCLG which specifies the cohort and outcomes payments. There is no alternative provision for this group for rough sleepers currently in the city or partner authorities to work in this way.

5. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & CONSULTATION

- 5.1 Extensive consultation with partners has taken place as part of the development of the Rough Sleeping Strategy.
- 5.2 Extensive consultation has taken place with partners and stakeholders relating to the remodelling and re commissioning of homeless and rough sleeping services.
- 5.3 Specific service user consultation has been carried in the remodelling of services with women and other groups of service users.

6. CONCLUSION

- 6.1 The contract is yet to be awarded. Negotiations continue to be take place with an anticipated start date of January 2018.

7. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Financial Implications:

7.1

Finance Officer Consulted: Name

Date: dd/mm/yy

Legal Implications:

- 7.2 The scheme on which the offer of funding was originally made by the DCLG has been amended. Following negotiations with St Mungos it will be necessary to obtain formal confirmation from the DCLG, prior to completion of the contract, that (i) the new arrangements are acceptable to the department and (ii) the level of funding required to ensure delivery of the revised scheme will be made available.

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Lawyer Consulted: Judith Fisher

Date: 3.11.2017

Equalities Implications:

- 7.4 An Equalities Impact Assessment has been completed for this project.

Sustainability Implications:

- 7.5 The DCLG funding is paid over 2 years for each client so there are sustainability issues on the ongoing support for the people accommodated. In Brighton & Hove, this is being built into the commissioning work plan.

Any Other Significant Implications:

- 7.6 None

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices:

1. SIB Evidence Guidance (DCLG)

Crime & Disorder Implications:

- 1.1 This project will contribute to reducing crime and disorder.

Risk and Opportunity Management Implications:

- 1.2 None

Public Health Implications:

- 1.3 This project will contribute to reducing health inequalities.

Corporate / Citywide Implications:

- 1.4 This project is aligned with the cities Rough Sleeper Strategy and reducing numbers of people who are rough sleeping across the city.