

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2000

REGISTER OF URGENT
DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

NORTH DEVON COUNCIL CONSTITUTION
– Part 3 Annexe 2: Officer Delegations –
Chief Executive



Reference No:

1) SUBJECT:

Rough Sleeping Grant

2) REQUESTED DECISION:

Permission to set aside the requirements of the Contract Procedure Rules to tender for above £40,000 services namely; Housing First Services via Encompass South West at the cost of £23,984 a year for continuation funding with the opportunity to increase this by a further £16,016 each year should 2 additional units of Housing First be able to be offered giving a maximum total of £40,000 each year.

3) STATEMENT OF THE REASONS FOR THE REQUEST AND WHY IT IS URGENT:

North Devon Council have been successful in drawing down an additional £1,162,792 for 2022 to 2025 from Government following a submission to the Rough Sleepers Initiative. The funding allocation each year will be dependent on successful service delivery which will be reviewed through quarterly reporting, six monthly funding declarations and annual delivery plans.

This project is aimed at reducing the number of people rough sleeping in North Devon.

The aim of the programme is to provide enhanced and better integrated services to individuals who present with multiple and complex needs. This includes the provision of continued resources (Housing First accommodation and support) from Encompass South West who provide the Housing First service across Northern Devon.

Following successful award of the bid NDC were issued with a funding structure from Government. This structure highlighted immediate service delivery as of the 01.07.2022 and without this approval we are unable to proceed and will be at risk of having to return the funding.

4) FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: (NOTE: Please state if there are any financial implications. If so, state whether there are sufficient funds within the agreed

budget. If there are insufficient funds please state how the decision will be financed).

Please see above. The financial award made through the bid covers full costs of service delivery

5) ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED:

None

6) A RECORD OF ANY CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARED:

N/A

7) A NOTE OF ANY DISPENSATION IF GRANTED:

N/A

8) LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS (but not including published works or those which disclose exempt or confidential information (as defined in paragraph 10.4 and 10.5 of the Access to Information Procedural Rules Part 4 of the Constitution):

See attached specification and confirmation of grant funding from MHCLG

10) CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN:

The following have been consulted on this urgent decision:

Consultee	Consulted Yes/No	Date
Leader of Council (<i>or Deputy Leader</i>)	Yes	17.06.2022
Chair of Committee (with the Authority to take the decision) (<i>or Vice-Chair</i>)	Yes	17.06.2022
Lead Member	Yes	17.06.2022
Ward Member(s)		
Head of Service (Jeremy Mann)	Yes	15.06.2022
Finance	Yes	15.06.2022
Legal	Yes	15.06.2022

11) OFFICER REQUESTING URGENT DECISION TO BE TAKEN BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE: Natasha Rowland, Service Lead Housing

12) APPROVED BY CHIEF EXECUTIVE: YES (approved by Deputy Chief Executive in absence of Chief Executive)

13) DATE OF DECISION: 17 June 2022

14) CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S COMMENTS: Approved to ensure continuity of service provision from 1 July 2022 and in accordance with Rough Sleeper Grant funding announcement.

15) DATE TO BE PRESENTED TO STRATEGY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE:

4 July 2022

GUIDANCE NOTES

NOTE:

PROCEDURE FOR URGENT DECISIONS:

1. Completed form to be passed to the Chief Executive following consultation with the interested parties.
2. If a decision is specific to a Ward, efforts should be made to ascertain the views of the local Councillor (s).
3. The Chief Executive will make his decision.

PROCEDURE FOR URGENT DECISION MAKING AS PER THE CONSTITUTION

Officer Delegations: the Chief Executive:

Urgent Decision Making

- 3.48 To take a decision on any matter falling within the remit of any Committee in cases of urgency where it is not reasonably practicable to obtain prior approval of a Committee SUBJECT TO:
 - 3.48.1 the prior consultation, where practicable, with the Leader or Deputy Leader and the Chair or Vice Chair of the relevant Committee, and
 - 3.48.2 the proviso that this power will not extend to the determination of any application submitted pursuant to the Planning Acts or under the Licensing Act 2003 or the Gambling Act 2005, and
 - 3.48.3 the decision being reported to the next meeting of the relevant Committee and the next meeting of Strategy and Resources Committee.