

CONSTITUTION – PART 4B – ACCESS TO INFORMATION PROCEDURE RULES

PARAGRAPH 15 – GENERAL EXCEPTION

Notice has been given to the Chair of the Internal Overview and Scrutiny Panel that a decision needs to be taken by Cabinet as a matter of urgency, to approve the additional MHCLG funding and associated procurement process, to cover the continuing provision of the Rough Sleeper Initiative.

Rough Sleeper Initiative (RSI) – Year Two:

In July 2019, the Council a successfully bid to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) for RSI funding to establish a Rough Sleeper Hostel. The facility provides 24/7 on site support. The annual rough sleeper count evidenced a reduction from 22 individuals in the previous year, to 8 by November 2019

Since the RSI project began on 1st July 2019, 19 rough sleepers have been accommodated and supported, with 6 moving on successfully into other accommodation.

The report seeks approval to procure a provider for a further 12 months. The report is requested not for call in due to the timescales involved to procure and extend the initiative.

In view of the nature of the decision, this is a key decision which has not been included in the Forward Plan.

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