

Record of operational decision

Decision title:	Contract variation to enable continued staffing of emergency accommodation for people experiencing rough sleeping for the period 8 th April 2024 up to 31 st May 2024
Date of decision:	20/03/2024
Decision maker:	Corporate Director Community Wellbeing
Authority for delegated decision:	CW-07 Housing and homelessness support and solutions. This decision also supports The Homelessness Prevention Strategy 2020-2025.
Ward:	Countywide
Consultation:	Consultation has taken place through Herefordshire Homeless Forum with a wide range of statutory agencies and Community Voluntary Faith Sector groups.
Decision made:	To award up to £16,498 to Caring for Communities and People (CCP) to provide continued staffing of winter accommodation for people experiencing rough sleeping.
Reasons for decision:	<p>Council owned premises have been sourced for use as part of the winter accommodation provision for people experiencing rough sleeping. The premises sourced ensures there is an immediate and safe off the streets offer for people experiencing rough sleeping.</p> <p>There are known risks associated with housing this cohort may have a long and/or repeated history of rough sleeping. Continuing the provision for the period 7th April 2024 up to 31st May 2024 will ensure accommodation with appropriate staffing and management is in place, this means 18 people are prevented from rough sleeping and the potential need to provide more expensive SWEP provision is mitigated against.</p> <p>Additional funding has been secured from DLUHC to provide for staffing costs of winter accommodation and must be utilised for its intended purpose.</p>
Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:	<p>The financial risk is low as funding has been obtained from DLUHC to provide for this extension.</p> <p>The legal risk is low consultation has taken place with legal and commercial services colleagues and all procurement activity has been undertaken within the councils contract procedure rules.</p>
Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:	<p>Doing nothing was rejected for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding has been provided to the council to enable a continuation of the winter accommodation. Should it not be used for its intended purpose it would need to be returned to DLUHC. • The council has a duty provide emergency accommodation under the Severe Weather Emergency Protocol (SWEP) to protect people experiencing rough sleeping in the event of extreme weather, should there be no winter shelter available this is likely to exceed the cost of staffing a winter accommodation shelter leading to

	additional costs for the council.
Details of any declarations of interest made:	No Declarations of Interest made.

Signed..... Date:

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