

BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL

HOUSING COMMITTEE

4.00pm 16 SEPTEMBER 2020

SKYPE MEETING

DECISION LIST

Part One

99 HOMELESSNESS & ROUGH SLEEPING STRATEGY – UPDATE ON NEXT STEPS FOLLOWING COVID-19 RESPONSE

Contact Officer: Justine Harris

Ward Affected: All Wards

RESOLVED:

- 2.1 That Housing Committee note the report.
- 2.2 That Housing Committee note the work that has gone into the response to the Covid-19 emergency.
- 2.3 In the light of the pandemic and the motion responding to it (30th April), that the Homeless Reduction board along with the Homeless Operational Board give priority to:
 - a) Monitoring progress and developing actions needed to achieve the aim of providing long term sustainable housing or safe reconnection for all rough sleepers housed under the “everyone in” response
 - b) Ensuring the priorities and actions of the Homelessness Strategy respond to the changed circumstances
 - c) Explore ways of sustaining the current offer of shelter for all who find themselves without a roof and report back to Housing Committee any recommendations.
- 2.4 That Housing Committee notes the temporary adjustments made within the Allocations Plan in response to the pandemic whilst aiming to achieve the overall agreed percentages in the Allocation Plan.
- 2.5 That Housing Committee recognises that the review of the Allocation Plan has been delayed due to the pandemic and subsequent pressures on the department but that this will be considered at the November Housing Committee.

100 COMMISSIONING OF A HOUSING FIRST SERVICE FOR SINGLE HOMELESS PEOPLE

*Contact Officer: Martin Reid, Emily
Ashmore
Ward Affected: All Wards*

RESOLVED:

That Housing Committee:

- 2.1 Approves the procurement and award of a contract for the provision of a Housing First Service for single homeless people for a period of five years with the option to extend for a maximum of two further years.
- 2.2 Grants delegated authority to the Executive Director for Health & Adult Social Care or the Interim Executive Director Housing Neighbourhoods & Communities to carry out the procurement of the services referred to in 2.1 above including the award of the contract.
- 2.3 That the Executive Director for Health & Adult Social Care or the Executive Director Housing Neighbourhoods & Communities seek authority of the Housing Committee prior to the expiry of the initial contract period of 5 years if it is recommended that the contract be extended under the extension provisions exercisable by the council under the terms of the contract.
- 2.4 Delegates authority to the Executive Director of Health & Adult Social Care or the Executive Director Housing Neighbourhoods & Communities on confirmation of the award of funding by the MHCLG in response to a bid made by the Council for the purposes of financing Housing First units of accommodation, to increase the value of the procurement and subsequent contract award to reflect the amount of grant awarded (maximum of £312,000.00) and to enable the provision of a minimum of number of additional units pro-rated to the value of the grant awarded on the basis that the maximum grant of £312,000.00 will fund a minimum of 35 additional units.
- 2.5 To report regularly to Homeless Reduction Board on the progress and outcomes of the service.

101 HOUSING MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE REPORT QUARTER 4 2019/20

*Contact Officer: Tom Matthews
Ward Affected: All Wards*

RESOLVED:

- 2.1 That the Housing Committee notes the report.

102 HOUSING COMMITTEE WORKPLAN PROGRESS UPDATE AND HOUSING PERFORMANCE REPORT - QUARTER 1, 2020/21

Contact Officer: Ododo Dafe
Ward Affected: All Wards

RESOLVED:

2.1 That the Housing Committee notes the report.

103 REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE TO COUNCIL HOUSING STOCK

Contact Officer: David Canham
Ward Affected: All Wards

RESOLVED:

2.1 That the Committee notes the progress with the programme and the Housing Repairs & Maintenance service as outlined in the body of this report.

104 REVIEW OF EVICTIONS FROM EMERGENCY AND SHORT-TERM TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION

Contact Officer: Jerry Aldous
Ward Affected: All Wards

RESOLVED:

2.1 That Housing Committee notes the performance and evictions reported.

2.2 That Housing Committee supports the measures the council is incorporating in future contracts for emergency and temporary accommodation to minimise the risk of evictions and intends to keep this matter under annual review.