

HIGH PEAK BOROUGH COUNCIL

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8 August 2022

TITLE:	Rough Sleeper Accommodation Programme
EXECUTIVE COUNCILLOR:	Councillor Sloman – Executive Councillor for Housing and Licensing
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WARDS INVOLVED:	Non specific

1. Reason for the Report

- 1.1 To provide an update on the delivery of the Rough Sleeping Accommodation Programme (RSAP) 2021-2024 and recommend approval to contribute £70,000 in match funding from available s106 resources.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 That the £70,000 required is funded through s106 resources already identified.

3. Executive Summary

- 3.1 The Council has secured funding of £960,000 to provide supported accommodation for those who have or are at risk of rough sleeping.
- 3.2 This is a key Government priority and whilst our figures for rough sleepers are low, there is a recognised need for this provision.
- 3.3 Our financial contribution of £70,000 can be met through S 106 monies, specifically a £172,000 developer contribution paid in lieu of a s106 condition because attempts to provide housing on site failed.

4. How this report links to Corporate Priorities

- 4.1 The strategy contributes to the Corporate Plan 2019-23 aim of helping to create a safer and healthier environment for our communities to live and work.

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**Web Links and
Background Papers**

[Homelessness Review and Strategy 2018-2022](#)

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5. Introduction

- 5.1 Rough Sleeping has been a policy priority for successive governments for over 30 years. The most recent national Rough Sleeping Strategy set out the Government's plans to halve rough sleeping by 2022 and end it by 2027.
- 5.2 The supported accommodation will play a key role in delivering Derbyshire's Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy 2022-2027, namely the strategic priority to end rough sleeping and repeat homelessness.
- 5.3 The Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities' (DLUHC) £433m Rough Sleeping Accommodation Programme (RSAP) aims to deliver up to 6,000 units of supported 'move-on accommodation' for rough sleepers up to 2024.
- 5.4 A key element of the RSAP programme is the provision of both capital funding for longer term accommodation and accompanying revenue funding for support provision, to facilitate supported 'move-on accommodation'. Accommodation is available for rough sleepers, or those with a history of rough sleeping or those at risk of rough sleeping and homelessness.
- 5.5 In a final funding round High Peak Borough Council with Staffordshire Moorlands District Council in partnership with Framework Housing Association, successfully secured £489,840 funding to provide four x 1-bed self-contained units of supported 'move on accommodation' in Buxton and four in Leek.

6. Why should we do this?

- 6.1 Delivery of the RSAP strengthens our response to homelessness and rough sleeping and assists with the delivery of statutory homeless duties. The opportunity to deliver additional supported accommodation increases the options available to address homelessness and rough sleeping within the Borough.
- 6.2 The provision of 'move on accommodation' and support for up to a 2-year period will particularly help with reducing the risk of repeat rough sleeping amongst more complex cases with limited housing options. However, under

the RSAP, 'move on accommodation' will be available for a minimum of 30 years.

- 6.3 It is important to have a range of options, particularly for those with a history of failed tenancies and have been excluded from other options that may require on-going support.
- 6.4 There has been an emphasis on Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMOs) and other forms of shared accommodation. However, these can be harder to let and manage, with higher instances of anti-social behaviour compared with self-contained options.
- 6.5 In the period 1st July 2021 to 1st July 2022 17 rough sleepers were verified (at various times) across the High Peak.

7. Grant contribution

- 7.1 Within the tight timescale of the RSAP application, approval of executive members responsible for planning and for housing was provided. However, given the significant passage of time, this report seeks formal approval to contribute £70,000 towards capital cost from available s106 resources; specifically drawn from a £172,000 developer contribution paid in lieu of a s106 condition as attempts to provide housing on site failed.
- 7.2 The provision of four units in Buxton gives precedence to the Buxton Area as defined in the s106 agreement, there are no further due considerations in planning terms. To support the payment of the grant to Framework for this specific purpose a Grant Funding Agreement and separate Management and Lettings Agreement are agreed/ drafted. The latter details management and letting arrangements in accordance with RSAP funding requirements.
- 7.3 Estimated scheme capital cost

	Estimated total capital cost	Capital RSAP grant approved	Framework contribution	HPBC contribution
HPBC 4 units	£480,000	£160,000	£250,000	£70,000
SMDC 4 units	£480,000	£230,000	£250,000	-
Total	£960,000	£390,000	£450,000	£70,000

- 7.4 Additional RSAP revenue grant funding of £99,840 secures two specialist support navigators that will provide support across the eight units.
- 7.5 The accommodation will form part of a toolkit of services to address and prevent rough sleeping available across ten local authorities:
 - P3 Derbyshire & Staffordshire Moorlands rough sleeper outreach service to engage with rough sleepers, who may have multiple and complex needs, and move them off the street.

- P3 tenancy related support for rough sleepers assisted to move away from the street into accommodation or those that may be at risk of rough sleeping.
- Rough Sleeper Action Groups- multi agency meetings to support and address the needs of individual rough sleepers.
- Prison navigator role to provide intensive 'through the gate' support to individuals on release from custody to secure accommodation and to help break the cycle of repeat custodial sentences and homelessness.
- Substance misuse navigator roles will provide support to those with a prevalent need of alcohol and/or substance use to improve levels of engagement and increase the number of people in treatment.
- Mental Health link worker will work with an Approved Mental Health Practitioner to support access to assessments and support.
- Probation Link Worker on secondment from the National Probation Service, supports local authorities and commissioned services through the early identification of individuals being released from custody with no fixed abode.
- Rough Sleeper Co-ordinators have oversight of all commissioned services and ensure our response to rough sleeping is targeted effectively.
- P3 commissioned service provider links with all Housing Advice services.