

Report sponsor: Alison Parkin, Director of  
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## **Compliance with Contract and Financial Procedure Rules**

### **Purpose**

- 1.1
- Submission of a bid and subsequently accept funding of up to £0.600m under the Department of Levelling Up Housing and Communities - DLUHC Supported Housing Improvement Programme.

### **Recommendation(s)**

- 2.1 To approve:
- a) the submission of a bid and acceptance of up to £0.600m from DLUHC for the Supported Housing Investment Programme as outlined in section 4.1.
  - b) the delegated authority to the Strategic Director of Corporate Resources and the Strategic Director of Communities and Place, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Adults, Health & Housing:
    - I. to accept, subject to agreeing acceptable terms with DLUHC a grant of up to £0.600m
    - II. enter into any contracts, Grant Agreements/Grant Determination Notice/Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with DLUHC and any third-party agreement necessary
    - III. to add this funding to the budgets (revenue or capital) as appropriate as outlined in section 4.1

### **Reason**

- 3.1 To comply with the Council's Financial Procedure Rules.

### **Supporting information**

- 4.1 **DLUHC – Expression of Interest -EOI, Bid for and Acceptance of Funding of up to £0.600m For the Supported Housing Improvement Funding**  
The Council acknowledges increasing issues surrounding the unregulated use of Supported Exempt Accommodation - SEA in the City. This issue has been outlined to Senior Leadership Team and approval has been given to establish a multi-disciplinary team relating to cost and quality of care and housing.
- 4.2 The Council has submitted an initial Expression of Interest to be considered for funding through the Supported Housing Investment Programme. This funding is to support work in the City to improve the standards of housing and support of SEA in the City through further bolstering enforcement of quality of support and housing provision.

- 4.3 Subject to acceptance of the Expression of Interest, it is requested that authorisation is given to submit a full bid and accept the associated funding.
- 4.4 If successful, the grant award would support the Council's activity to inspect and regulate SEA within the city.
- 4.5 This work would ensure that vulnerable people receive the necessary support to enable them to successfully maintain their tenancy as well as ensuring that landlords are providing an appropriate level of service in relation to the Housing Benefit that they receive.
- 4.6 It is recommended to approve the submission of a bid and acceptance of up to £0.600m from DLUHC for the Supported Housing Investment Programme.
- 4.7 It is recommended to delegate authority to the Strategic Director of Corporate Resources and the Strategic Director of Communities and Place, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Adults, Health & Housing:
- I. to accept, subject to agreeing acceptable terms with DLUHC a grant of up to £0.600m
  - II. to enter into any contracts, Grant Agreements/Grant Determination Notice/MOU with DLUHC and any third-party agreement necessary
  - III. to add this funding to the budgets (revenue or capital) as appropriate

#### **Public/stakeholder engagement**

- 5.1 **DLUHC Bid** - Consultation has taken place with Derby Homes and the Homelessness Liaison and there is strong support for this approach.

#### **Other options**

- 6.1 **DLUHC Bid** - Not submitting a bid. This would mean that an opportunity for external funding is missed and the project will rely on internal funding.

#### **Financial and value for money issues**

- 7.1 **DLUHC Bid** - The proposal provides good value for money through seeking external funding to tackle an identified issue in terms of quality of SEA accommodation in the City.
- 7.2 There is no match funding required from the Council as part of this bid.

#### **Legal implications**

- 8.1 Other than noting that the proposal will address the application criteria, there are no other legal implications arising from the report. Procurement of appropriate contractor or agent must be compliant with Contract Procedure Rules and Public Contract Regulations.

#### **Climate implications**

- 9.1 **DLUHC Bid** - The funding will support the Supported Exempt Accommodation scheme which will seek to improve the quality of accommodation, which in some cases will improve energy efficiency reducing CO2 emissions and thereby having a positive impact on climate change.

## Other significant implications

10.1 N/A

This report has been approved by the following people:

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Background papers:  
Expression of Interest  
List of appendices: