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and Cabinet Member for Strategy, Governance  
and Finance

# ITEM 12

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## Compliance with Contract and Financial Procedure Rules

### Purpose

1.1

- The addition of a new scheme to the 2023/24 & 2024/25 Capital Programme for Flood Defence Vehicles
- The acceptance of funding for Public Health - Rough Sleeping Drug and Alcohol Treatment Grant (RSDATG) of circa £0.319m from the Office for Health Improvement and Disparities (OHID) and approval of delegated authority to enter into contracts and agreements associated with this funding
- The acceptance of £1.746m Adult Social Care Market Sustainability and Improvement Fund (MSIF) Workforce Fund funding from The Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) and approval of delegated authority to enter into contracts and agreements associated with this funding
- A bid for and acceptance of Individual Placement Support in Primary Care revenue funding from Nottingham City Council of £0.755m for the period of 18 months September 2023 to March 2025 and associated delegations
- Bid for and acceptance of Home Office Grants for:
  - Homes for Ukraine – estimated up to £1m
  - Afghan Permanent Resettlement – estimated up to £2m
  - Asylum Dispersal Grant – estimated up to £1.7m
  - Afghan Bridging Hotel Support – estimated up to 0.5m
- Contract Waiver – extension of a contract with Water Plus Group Ltd to continue the provision of water, wastewater and ancillary services to the Council's property portfolio
- Acceptance of further grant funding - The Council has also been allocated grant funding from another source, to the value of £0.571m.

## Recommendations

- 2.1 To approve the addition to the 2023/24 & 2024/25 Capital Programme a scheme to purchase vehicles for the Drainage and Flood Risk Management profiled £0.034m in 2023/24 and £0.034m in 2024/25 as outlined in section 4.1.
- 2.2 To approve acceptance of the additional Rough Sleeping Drug and Alcohol Treatment Grant Section 31 grant funding for 2024/25 of circa £0.319m for Public Health from OHID, as outlined in section 4.2.
- 2.3 To approve delegated authority to the Strategic Director of Peoples Services in consultation with the Director of Finance and the Cabinet member for Integrated Health and Adult Care to enter into all necessary contracts and agreements associated with the Rough Sleep Drug and Alcohol Treatment Grant ring-fenced funding, subject to appropriate terms and conditions as outlined in section 4.2.
- 2.4 To approve the acceptance of £1.746m of funding from the Department of Health and Social Care for Market Sustainability and improvement Fund funding in 2023/24 as outlined in section 4.3.
- 2.5 To approve delegated authority to the Strategic Director of Peoples Services in consultation with the Director of Finance and the Cabinet member for Integrated Health and Adult Care to enter into all necessary contracts and agreements associated with the Market Sustainability and Improvement Fund funding, subject to appropriate terms and conditions as outlined in section 4.3.
- 2.6 To note a bid for the Revenue funding of £0.755m from the Primary Care Fund from Nottingham City Council, for individual placement support with regard to employability and new start opportunities as outlined in section 4.4.
- 2.7 To approve (If the bid is successful) to accept the Primary Care Fund funding from Nottingham City Council and delegate authority to spend within the scope of the grant conditions to the Strategic Director for People's services in consultation with Cabinet Member for Children's Social Care, Learning and Skills and the Director of Finance as outlined in section 4.4.
- 2.8 To approve the bid for, and acceptance of, Home Office funding up to the value of £5.2m. Estimated Home Office funding for each scheme is:
  - Homes for Ukraine – estimated up to £1m
  - Afghan Permanent Resettlement – estimated up to £2m
  - Asylum Dispersal Grant – estimated up to £1.7m
  - Afghan Bridging Hotel Support – estimated up to 0.5m

As outlined in section 4.5.

- 2.9 To delegate approval for the award of monies relating to these grants (subject to the appropriate terms and conditions) to the Strategic Director of Communities and Place in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Cost of Living, Equalities and Customer Inclusion and Director of Director of Financial Services as outlined in section 4.5.

- 2.10 To approve the contract waiver for a one-year extension to the existing contract with Water Plus Group Ltd to continue the provision of water, wastewater and ancillary services to the Council's property portfolio as outlined in section 4.6.
- 2.11 To approve the acceptance of further grant funding from another source, to the value of £0.571m. The details of this allocation are currently under embargo by the funding provider. A report in the confidential section of this agenda provides Cabinet with full details, and these details will be made public at the earliest opportunity. There is no requirement for match funding, and no financial risk to the Council from accepting this funding.

### **Reason**

- 3.1 To comply with Contract and Financial Procedure Rules.

### **Supporting information**

#### **4.1 Addition of a new scheme to the capital programme - Purchase of Vehicles - £0.068m for 2023/24 – 2024/25**

The current vehicles that support the Drainage and Flood Risk Management Team are the oldest in the fleet and require replacement with new vehicles due to the increasing revenue cost to repair them.

- 4.1.2 There are existing plans to utilise the funding on the Flood Defence programme for the purchase of the vehicles. The serviceable life of the existing vehicles has already been stretched and as such replacements have been programmed with funding allocated within the Flood Defence programme.
- 4.1.3 The cost of the scheme of two vehicles to replace the existing aged fleet is £0.068m. The vehicles will be used for essential maintenance of flood risk and drainage infrastructure as well as emergency response to flood events in the city.
- 4.1.4 It is recommended to approve the addition to the 2023/24 & 2024/25 Capital Programme a scheme to purchase vehicles for the Drainage and Flood Risk Management profiled £0.034m in 2023/24 and £0.034m in 2024/25.

#### **4.2 Public Health – substance misuse funding**

As part of the government's intention to reduce rough sleeping and address some of its links to substance misuse, the Council was given the opportunity in 2021 to bid for Section 31 grant funding to improve drug and alcohol outcomes for rough sleepers.

- 4.2.1 The Council's bid was successful, and we have previously been awarded 2 tranches of the RSDATG. The current RSDATG funding is due to expire in March 2024. OHID have now confirmed that further funding, a 3<sup>rd</sup> tranche, will be available for the financial year 2024/25. The indicative allocation is the same annual allocation as agreed in 2023/24, £0.319m.

- 4.2.2 Parameters of the grant indicate that it must be spent on:
- supporting people experiencing, or at risk of, rough sleeping to access and engage in drug and alcohol treatment;
  - ensuring that the engagement people have had with drug and alcohol treatment services whilst rough sleeping or in emergency or temporary accommodation is maintained as they move into longer term accommodation (continuity of care);
  - and building resilience and capacity in local drug and alcohol treatment systems to continue to meet the needs of this population in future years (resilient and sustainable models of care).
- 4.2.3 The current service provider, Derby City Mission, receives a grant award from Derby City Council. The service engages rough sleepers and those at risk of rough sleeping who have a substance misuse issue into drug and alcohol treatment services - through trauma informed practice/navigation.
- 4.2.4 To comply with the Procurement Strategy and Contract Procedure Rules it is necessary to carry out a tender by open competition in 2023/24. For expedience delegated authority is requested to the Strategic Director of Peoples Services in consultation with the Director of Finance and the Cabinet member for Integrated Health and Adult Care to enter into all necessary contracts and agreements associated with RSDATG ring-fenced funding once finalised and accepted.
- 4.2.5 It is recommended to approve acceptance of additional ring-fenced Public Health substance misuse RSDATG for Derby City of £0.319m (indicative allocation).
- 4.2.6 It is recommended to approve delegated authority to the Strategic Director of Peoples Services in consultation with the Director of Finance and the Cabinet member for Integrated Health and Adult Care to enter into all necessary contracts and agreements associated with RSDATG ring-fenced funding.
- 4.3 Adult Social Care Market Sustainability and Improvement Fund (MSIF) - Workforce Fund**
- The Government has recently announced the allocation of £570m of ring-fenced funding through the MSIF Workforce Fund for adult social care provision, with a particular focus on workforce pay. The Workforce Fund will be allocated in 2023/24 (£365 million) of which the Councils allocation is £1.747m.
- 4.3.1 The purpose of the grant is to enable Local Authorities (LAs) to make improvements to adult social care and in particular to increase social care workforce capacity and retention, reducing social care waiting times and increasing fee rates paid to social care providers.
- 4.3.2 LAs must allocate the full funding to adult social care and are able to target the funding in the following ways:
- To increase fee rates paid to adult social care providers
  - To increase adult social care workforce capacity and retention
  - To reduce adult social care waiting times.

4.3.3 LAs will be required to submit information to the Department of Health and Social Care in May 2024 on which target area the funding was allocated to, a description of how it was used and an assessment of the impact that the funding has had. LAs must evidence improvement in at least one of the target areas.

4.3.4 It is recommended to accept the £1.747m MSIF Workforce Funding in 2023/24 and that proposals are developed to allocate the funding in line with the grant criteria and local priorities.

#### **4.4 Bid for funding of £0.755m from Nottingham City Council, for Primary Care Funding**

The bid for funding is to provide support to Derby citizens whose mental and physical health is a barrier to finding work or maintaining their employment.

4.4.1 Derby Adult Learning Service will deliver employment outcomes on a case load basis. The Council will deliver individual placement support to patients accessing primary and community care through a partnership embedded within local communities, employers, employment and skills networks, and the health and care place-based partnership.

4.4.2 This funding can be used to support Derby City Council employees, working with Derby City Council's Head of Human Resources and Organisational Development to ensure a joined up approach.

4.4.3 Priority communities specific to Derby are – Deaf community, people with autism, people from areas of disadvantage, people with mental health challenges.

4.4.4 The Council will be working with Futures; Notts Inspire and Chamber of Commerce to produce a collaborative approach for the delivery model. These bidding partners have additional funding allocations for their areas.

4.4.5 For expedience delegate authority to spend within the scope of the grant conditions is requested to the Strategic Director for People's services in consultation with Cabinet Member for Children's Social Care, Learning and Skills and the Director of Finance.

4.4.6 It is recommended to note a bid for the Revenue funding of £0.755m from the Primary Care Fund from Nottingham City Council, for individual placement support with regard to employability and new start opportunities.

4.4.7 It is recommended to approve (If the bid is successful) to accept the funding subject to appropriate terms and conditions and delegate authority to spend within the scope of the grant conditions to the Strategic Director for People's services in consultation with Cabinet Member for Children's Social Care, Learning and Skills and the Director of Finance.

#### **4.5 Bid for and Acceptance of Home Office Grants**

This section of the report outlines the request to claim for and accept Asylum and Resettlement Support Grants. Claims can be made by local authorities in support of beneficiaries who have arrived in the UK through recognised relocation and resettlement schemes or those supported in accommodation through asylum support.

##### **4.5.1 Homes for Ukraine Sponsorship Scheme estimated funding value £1m**

The scheme allows individuals resident in the UK to sponsor named Ukrainian guests. Guests will be able to live and work in the UK for up to 3 years and access benefits, healthcare, employment, and other support. Those arriving need to meet standard security checks prior to being issued with a visa. Sponsors and all adults in sponsors' households will also be subject to initial Police National Computer (PNC), criminal records and Warnings Index checks by the Home Office.

4.5.2 The government is providing funding at a rate of £5,900 for each new arrival to councils to enable them to support guests and their sponsors to rebuild their lives and fully integrate into communities.

4.5.3 The number of people who can access this scheme is uncapped and is dependent on the capacity of the sponsors who come forward. The number of actual matches in 2022/23 for Derby, was 187 individuals making up 97 families (incl. singles). This consists of 137 adults and 50 children primarily comprising of women with children.

4.5.4 Further details of the Sponsors and Councils role is identified in appendix 1.

##### **4.5.5 Afghan Permanent Resettlement estimated funding value £2m**

The Afghan Relocations and Assistance Policy (ARAP), which went live on 1 April 2021, offers relocation or other assistance to those who served alongside our armed forces in Afghanistan and provided important support to His Majesty's Government defence and security mission there, predominantly those who were employed directly, or in certain special cases via contractors, and who are assessed to be at serious risk as a result of such work.

4.5.6 As result of the speed and scale of the evacuation in August 2021 and subsequent relocations to the UK, Afghan refugees were initially accommodated in bridging hotel accommodation as a temporary solution until settled accommodation could be found. There are currently approximately 8,000 individuals accommodated in Bridging Hotels who require permanent resettled accommodation. Over half of this cohort are children and over half have been living in a hotel for more than one year.

4.5.7 Central Government has made a decision to close all bridging hotels. At the end of April 2023, the process of notifying individuals and families accommodated in bridging hotels commenced. Setting out when their access to hotel accommodation will end and the support available to enter settled accommodation. Those in hotels will be provided with at least three months' notice through a staggered notification process, allowing a reasonable timeframe for residents to source alternative accommodation.

- 4.5.8 Following the introduction of the ARAP scheme, central Government announced a wider resettlement scheme, the Afghan Citizens Resettlement Scheme (ACRS). This scheme will prioritise those who have assisted the UK efforts in Afghanistan and stood up for values such as democracy, women's rights and freedom of speech, the rule of law; and vulnerable people, including women and girls at risk, and members of minority groups at risk. In addition to the commitments made through the ARAP scheme, the ACRS scheme will resettle up to 20,000 people to the UK.
- 4.5.9. When these families move into settled accommodation, the Home Office provides local authorities with a range of tariffs to support resettlement and integration, further detail of these can be seen in appendix 1.
- 4.5.10 **Asylum Dispersal Grant estimated funding value £1.7m**  
The Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 is the basis for the asylum support system. Accommodation is offered on a no-choice basis. It has traditionally been located outside of London and the south-east of England, under the longstanding dispersal policy. Participating local authorities have been raising frustrations with the dispersal policy and asylum accommodation arrangements for many years. Concerns include lack of influence over the accommodation contracts and decisions taken affecting their areas, unfunded cost burdens that arise from participation in dispersal and the nature of the asylum support system, and the inequitable distribution of asylum seekers and local authority participation across the UK.
- 4.5.11 Last year the Home Office announced the move to a full dispersal model which will reduce and end the use of hotels by allowing the Home Office to procure dispersal properties within the private rental sector.
- 4.5.12 Currently, only a minority of local authorities participate in asylum dispersal, and this approach will reduce pressures on those local authorities. The new dispersal model will consider the impacts on urban and rural areas as well as market capacity and will seek to align asylum dispersal to national population share. The model will provide local authorities with more autonomy at a regional level, which will provide an opportunity for national and local government to collaborate, so the system works better for all communities. The process will be underpinned by a robust governance framework which is fair and transparent.
- 4.5.13 Derby has and continues to be a prime location for the procurement of properties to accommodate destitute asylum seekers. Further details on the funding rates can be seen in appendix 1.
- 4.5.14 **Afghan Bridging Hotel Support estimated funding value £0.5m**  
To support Local Authorities in providing 'wrap-around' support The Home Office made an offer to local authorities of funding of up to £28 per service user per day to deliver wraparound support services to Afghan refugees living in Bridging Hotel Accommodation. The claim relates to costs incurred in the financial year 2022/23. To enable all of the Home Office funding to be utilised in a timely manner delegated approval is requested for the award of monies relating to these grants (subject to the appropriate terms and conditions) to the Strategic Director of Communities and Place in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Cost of Living, Equalities and Customer Inclusion and Director of Director of Financial Services.

4.5.15 It is recommended to approve the bid for, and acceptance of, Home Office funding up to the value of £5.2m. Estimated Home Office funding for each scheme is:

- Homes for Ukraine – estimated up to £1m
- Afghan Permanent Resettlement – estimated up to £2m
- Asylum Dispersal Grant – estimated up to £1.7m
- Afghan Bridging Hotel Support – estimated up to 0.5m

4.5.16 It is recommended to delegate approval for the award of monies relating to these grants (subject to the appropriate terms and conditions) to the Strategic Director of Communities and Place in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Cost of Living, Equalities and Customer Inclusion and Director of Director of Financial Services.

4.6 **Contract Waiver – extension of a contract with Water Plus Group Ltd**

In April 2017 water industry deregulation provided the opportunity for commercial customers in England to go out to the wider market for their water and waste provision. Prior to deregulation, the Council was allocated a single water utility supplier Water Plus Group Ltd (a subsidiary of Severn Trent Water).

4.6.1 The contract concerns the provision of water, wastewater and ancillary services which consists of the supply of water and sewerage services to Derby City Council's property portfolio of over 350 properties. This is the second waiver.

4.6.2 In order to take advantage of deregulation the Council has to provide information on the location of (and readings from) <sup>93</sup> water meters across the city which, after a number of requests Water Plus have not provided. The current provider is unable to be changed until the water bill validation data gathering exercise has been completed.

4.6.3 The Council appointed a water bill validation specialist contractor – Cadantis Associates in February 2021 for a two-year period to gather the data required to go out to the market to retender for this contract. However, the Council have now been advised that the water bill validation work is not yet completed, and therefore it will not be possible to go out to the market for a new provider until this data gathering exercise is complete and to inform the tender process. The programme for closing out this work is as follows:

Meter Serial Number Data updated in Systems Link	January 2024
Uploading of consumption data into Systems Link	March 2024
Appeals with Water Plus will continue until end of contract (October 2024)	

4.6.4 Putting this waiver in place provides compliance with the Public Contract Regulations 2015 until a new water and wastewater contract can be procured.

4.6.5 The procurement process to take this contract out to market will begin a minimum of six months prior to the end of this waiver, allowing ample time to follow the compliant procedures of the Public Contract Regulations. Multiple approved frameworks are available, including Crown Commercial Service and ESPO.



4.6.6 If this waiver is not approved one of the following will occur:

- either the water supply will continue to be provided, in which case the Council it will breach the Public Contract Regulations 2015, or
- the water supply will be cut off, in which case the Council will be in breach of its statutory duties across its property portfolio under the Workplace Health, Safety and Welfare Regulations 1992.

4.6.7 It is recommended to approve the contract waiver for a one-year extension to the existing contract with Water Plus Group Ltd to continue the provision of water, wastewater and ancillary services to the Council's property portfolio.

### **Public/stakeholder engagement**

#### **5.1 Addition of a new scheme to the Capital Programme - Purchase of Vehicles - £0.068m**

Due to global supply chain factors, the vehicles are only available on an extended lead time with the 3<sup>rd</sup> party company. Therefore the council will work closely to ensure the expected delivery date is achieved. Both vehicles are scheduled to be available before July 2024.

5.1.1 The vehicles will be procured using the Nottingham City Council Consortium Framework of which Derby City Council are members of. This will be a direct award to Perry Ford.

#### **5.2 Public Health Funding**

Public Health have had extensive conversations with Derby City's Drug and Alcohol Treatment providers - they are in full support of continuing the wraparound/engagement team that facilitates access to and enhances structured substance misuse treatment.

#### **5.3 Adult Social Care MSIF Workforce Fund**

Proposals on allocating this funding, in line with grant conditions will be developed in consultation Health, Integrated Care Systems and multi-agency social care teams.

#### **5.4 Bid for funding of £0.755m from Nottingham City Council, for Primary Care Funding**

The council will be working with community action derby to identify Voluntary, Community Sector partners and with Derby Chamber of Commerce to identify in-work business partners.

5.4.1 The Council Is working with primary health care teams and the Department of Work and Pension - DWP to ensure that referrals are made and service delivered to those citizens most at need of support.

- 5.5 **Bid for and Acceptance of Home Office Grants**
- Asylum Accommodation – local authorities can inform the decision on where accommodation is procured through partner consultation. The final decision rests with the Home Office.
  - Homes for Ukraine – accommodation offers are voluntary and made by citizens living in the UK.
  - Afghan Permanent Resettlement – accommodation is sourced and secured by Afghan refugees within the private rented sector

- 5.6 **Contract Waiver – extension of a contract with Water Plus Group Ltd**  
Not applicable.

#### **Other options**

- 6.1 **Addition of a new scheme to the Capital Programme - Purchase of Vehicles - £0.068m**  
Purchasing new vehicles is the most cost efficient option due the rising costs of repairing the current assets that are past their useful Existing Life.

- 6.1.2 Leasing of new vehicles is not considered viable for the role the vehicles will be carrying out within the Council. The vehicles will require specialist installation of drainage maintenance equipment with associate fixings and fitting which would not be permissible under a lease agreement.

- 6.2 **Public Health Funding**  
Not to accept the funding - This is a continuation of a current funding stream – extending the RSDATG funding by at least another financial year, therefore it is recommended that we accept this funding and carry out a tender to ensure compliance with the Procurement Strategy and Contract Procedure Rules.

- 6.3 **Bid for and Acceptance of Home Office Grants**  
Do nothing. This option has been dismissed. Asylum accommodation is ultimately procured and agreed by the Home Office and it's contracted providers.

Within the Afghan and Ukraine schemes, individuals have the right and freedom to choose where they live. The impacts and burdens placed upon local authorities and communities is recognised and the funding offered should be accepted to help mitigate those burdens.

- 6.4 **Contract Waiver – extension of a contract with Water Plus Group Ltd**  
Do nothing – this is not an option as the Council will be in breach of legislation, and/or its statutory duties.

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

- 7.1 **Addition of a new scheme to the Capital Programme - Purchase of Vehicles - £0.068m**  
The available budget is within existing Flood Defence programme which to be transferred over to the Vehicle, Plant, and Equipment programme to purchase the vehicles.

7.2 **Adult Social Care MSIF Workforce Fund**  
The Workforce Fund is being LAs using the Adult Social Care Relative Needs Formula and Derby City Council's allocation for 2023/24 has been confirmed as £1.746m. The 2023/24 grant will be paid as a one-off payment, anticipated in September 2023, and must be spent within the 2023/24 financial year. It is anticipated that there will be a further grant in 2024/25, although this is likely to be a lower figure, in line with the national funding levels.

7.2.1 There is no requirement for the Council to match fund this grant – no additional or ongoing capital or revenue costs will be incurred when the funding ends.

7.3 **Public Health Funding**  
There is no requirement for the Council to match fund this grant – no additional or ongoing capital or revenue costs will be incurred when the funding ends.

7.3.1 Public Health will continue to monitor the spend of the allocations as per the grant and in conjunction with the finance team. Public Health will also complete necessary returns to OHID in conjunction with the S151 officer requirements.

7.4 **Bid for funding of £0.755m from Nottingham City Council, for Primary Care Funding**  
If successful, this represents £0.755m new money into Derby City Council. There is no requirement to match fund. Existing resources can be applied where capacity allows.

7.4.1 The length of the project is 18 months September 2023 until March 2025, with funds unspent at the end of the financial year ringfenced to the following year to continue the project purpose.

7.5 **Bid for and Acceptance of Home Office Grants**  
There is no net cost to the Council of providing support for wraparound support. The cost the Council incurs in providing support is to be claimed from the Home Office.

7.6 **Contract Waiver – extension of a contract with Water Plus Group Ltd**  
Revenue budget expenditure is estimated at £0.038m a month in order to secure the service for a further year, totalling the waiver to £0.456m. There is existing budget allocation for this contract.

## **Legal implications**

8.1 **Addition of a new scheme to the Capital Programme - Purchase of Vehicles - £0.068m**  
The vehicles support the team in exercising the function of Lead Local Flood Authority, a statutory designation under the Flood and Water Management Act 2010.

8.2 **Public Health**  
None directly arising from the Report. All contract and grant award processes will be undertaken in accordance with the Council's Contract and Financial Procedure Rules, with support from Legal and Procurement Services.

- 8.3 **Bid for funding of £0.755m from Nottingham City Council, for Primary Care Funding**  
Derby City Council will adhere to the legal agreement as set out if successful.
- 8.4 **Bid for and Acceptance of Home Office Grants**  
Legal support may be required to review and settle the terms of the grant, which will be provided by the in-house legal team.

### Climate implications

- 9.1 **Addition of a new scheme to the Capital Programme - Purchase of Vehicles - £0.068m**  
The Council's Climate Change Action Plan (Section 1.3c) requires us to Introduce Ultra Low Emission Vehicles (ULEV) / electric smaller and medium fleet vehicles upon renewal, or when technology versus operational consideration balance is appropriate to do so. However, it is understood that currently charging infrastructure for large new vans isn't available at Stores Road Depot. Furthermore, ULEV pickup trucks such as the one required are not available on the market at the moment at a feasible cost.

### Socio-Economic implications

- 10.1 **Adult Social Care MSIF Workforce Fund - A decision not to accept the funding will put pressure on the social care workforce.**
- 10.2 **Public Health**  
A decision not to accept the funding will put rough sleepers and those at risk of rough sleeping at further disadvantage.
- 10.3 **Bid for funding of £0.755m from Nottingham City Council, for Primary Care Funding**  
Improved aspiration, sustained employment, and social mobility for Derby citizens most at need of support.

### Other significant implications

- 11.1 **Bid for funding of £0.755m from Nottingham City Council, for Primary Care Funding**  
Derby Adult Learning Service have chosen to work closely in partnership with Futures, Chamber of Commerce, Notts Inspire –this is a good opportunity to work collaboratively, believing that it gives the bid a better chance of success and prior to devolution collaborative working adds significant strength to the region.

This report has been approved by the following people:

Role	Name	Date of sign-off
<b>Legal</b>	Olu Idowu – Head of Legal Services	23/08/2023
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<b>Service Director(s)</b>	N/A see below	-
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	Anne Webster – Equalities	-
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<b>Background papers:</b>	Appendix 1 – Home Office Grants	
<b>List of appendices:</b>	N/A	

### Further supporting information for Home Office funding

#### **Homes for Ukraine Sponsorship Scheme Estimated value £1m**

The scheme allows individuals resident in the UK to sponsor named Ukrainian guests. Guests will be able to live and work in the UK for up to 3 years and access benefits, healthcare, employment, and other support. Those arriving need to meet standard security checks prior to being issued with a visa. Sponsors and all adults in sponsors' households will also be subject to initial Police National Computer (PNC), criminal records and Warnings Index checks by the Home Office.

#### **Role of sponsors**

Sponsors are required to:

- Meet the eligibility and suitability requirements to be approved as a sponsor.
- Provide suitable accommodation for a minimum of 6 months. Accommodation needs to be free from serious health and safety hazards ensuring the property is safe for guests and in a suitable condition.
- Check their mortgage lenders website for further guidance.
- Notify their insurers that they will be hosting guests from Ukraine, prior to their arrival.
- Stay in regular contact with their guests prior to their arrival to help organise and coordinate their arrival in the UK, meet them on arrival, and provide their guests with instructions on how to reach their accommodation if they are unable to meet them.
- Support and help guests to adapt to life in the UK, initially checking if they have enough food and supplies such as toiletries, along with checking if they have access to a mobile phone and internet to stay in touch with family members.
- Sponsors should help direct their guests to public services for example, registering with a GP or NHS dentist.

#### **Role of councils**

Councils have a number of important functions in supporting the Homes for Ukraine scheme. And are expected to offer the categories of support listed below.

Safeguarding checks. Disclosure and Barring Service checks on all adults in the sponsor household and Enhanced DBS checks all 16+ in the sponsor household where child refugees or vulnerable adults will be arriving.

Housing. In person visit to confirm property is suitable and safe.

Welfare visit. Following the guest(s)' arrival, councils should confirm as soon as possible that the guest is well and that there are no serious safeguarding or welfare concerns or needs for care and support.

Interim payment for guest. The council should make a payment of £200 per guest for subsistence costs pending Universal Credit or State Pension Credit payments.

Host 'thank you' payment. £350per household for up to 12 months

Provision of education. Councils are required to provide school places for children of school age. Eligibility of 2 year olds needs a local policy decision

Service referrals. Where necessary, councils should provide advice and referrals to specialist public health services as appropriate e.g., mental health services, adult social care, and children's services.

Work and Benefits. Councils should support guests to access local Jobcentre Plus appointments for benefit assessments and job-seeking.

Homelessness assistance. There may be some cases where the sponsor/guest relationship breaks down and the guest is homeless or at risk of homelessness. Councils' statutory homelessness duties will apply in this instance.

Administering 'thank you' payments to sponsors. Sponsors will be eligible for an optional 'thank you payment' of £350 per month, as long as the sponsorship arrangement exists, for up to 12 months in total. To be paid after property checks completed.

Community integration. Councils will play a key role in supporting the integration of Ukrainian families into their local communities.

### Grant Funding

The government is providing funding at a rate of £5,900 for each new arrival to councils to enable them to support guests and their sponsors to rebuild their lives and fully integrate into communities.

The number of people who can access this scheme is uncapped and is dependent on the capacity of the sponsors who come forward. The number of actual matches in 2022/23 for Derby, was 187 individuals making up 97 families (incl. singles). This consists of 137 adults and 50 children primarily comprising of women with children.

Since 01 April 2023 we have welcomed 13 individuals who are now residing with eight sponsors.

There are an additional 28 individuals that have been matched to hosts and are now awaiting their Visa application confirmation or permission to travel letter.

The government is also providing funding for councils to reimburse the thank you payments at the £350 per sponsoring household per month rate (for up to 12 months) and at the £500 per sponsoring household per month rate (after 12 months up to 24 months), for as long as the guest remains in sponsorship accommodation. Reimbursement is based on actual value of payments made, there will be no surplus or deficit from this income.

## **Afghan Permanent Resettlement**

### Grant Funding

When these families move into settled accommodation, the Home Office provides local authorities with a range of tariffs to support resettlement and integration:

- £20,520 per person over 3 years
- £4,500 per child for education in the first year

- £850 to cover additional English language provision for adults
- £7,100 per person Flexible Housing Funding to be used flexibly at the council's discretion, including for (but not limited to) rental top-ups, landlord incentives, resource, and capital projects
- £9,150 per household Homelessness Funding available to councils who accept homelessness duties from those leaving bridging accommodation, to support with the temporary housing and administration costs of taking a homelessness application
- In 2021/22, approval was given to support two families to relocate to Derby and accept the relevant grant funding.
- We have identified five families who have found their own accommodation and have chosen to relocate to Derby. In order to provide appropriate support to the families, the above grants need to be claimed.
- There are currently approximately 7,000 individuals residing in bridging hotels and it is unknown how many more may choose to permanently resettle in Derby

### **Asylum Dispersal Grant**

The New Burdens Doctrine states all new burdens on local authorities must be properly assessed and fully funded by the relevant department.

To recognise the existing contribution and longstanding support from local authorities, each local authority in England, Scotland and Wales which was accommodating asylum seekers on 01 April 2023 will receive a £750 one off payment per asylum seeker.

### **Grant Funding**

A payment will be made to facilitate Local Authorities to support requests for properties made under Asylum Seeker Dispersal. The payment is to address concerns raised by Local Authorities in relation to pressure on local services associated with supporting Asylum Seekers.

The Payment will be based on eligibility criteria on 1st April 2023. Eligibility will be based on number of occupied beds in Home Office Supported Asylum Seeker accommodation under the following categories, within the geographical bounds of the local authority:

- Dispersal Accommodation (DA)
- Overflow Dispersal Accommodation (ODA)
- Initial Accommodation (IA)
- Contingency Accommodation – Hotels
- For existing dispersed accommodation and beds in hotels, the government will provide local authorities with a one off £750 payment for each asylum seeker who is in Home Office accommodation on the 1st April 2023
- The government currently provides £3,500 to local authorities for new and occupied dispersal beds.
- In addition, a new pilot will also be introduced to offer local authorities an additional one off payment of up to £3,000 for new dispersal beds which are brought on and occupied quickly. This funding will not apply to accommodation sites.