

Briefing note

To: Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee

Date: 8th February 2023

Subject: Rough Sleeping Drug and Alcohol Treatment Grant

1 Purpose of the Note

1.1 To provide information for Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee to be able to monitor the delivery and impact of the Rough Sleeping Drug and Alcohol Treatment Grant

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee is recommended to:
 - 1) Consider the information provided in the Cabinet Report at Appendix A
 - 2) Identify any recommendations for the appropriate Cabinet Member

3 Background and Information

- 3.1 At their meeting on 13th December, Cabinet accepted a grant of £1,228,092 from the Office for Health Improvement and Disparities Department of Health and Social Care ("OHID") for the period April 2022 to March 2024.
- 3.2 The purpose of the grant is threefold:
 - to support people experiencing, or at risk of, rough sleeping to access and engage in drug and alcohol treatment
 - to ensure that the engagement that 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
 - to build resilience and capacity in local drug and alcohol treatment systems to continue to meet the needs of this population in future years
- 3.3 It is expected that there may be one further round of bidding for the Rough Sleeping Drug and Alcohol Treatment Grant (RSDATG) to provide funds in 2024/25.
- 3.4 The Cabinet Report outlining the detail of the grant can be found at Appendix A

4 Health Inequalities Impact

4.1 The provision is targeted at supporting some of the most vulnerable people in our communities. To deliver an enhanced positive impact to groups with protected characteristics and more excluded, dedicated roles will be created to support females at risk of rough sleeping including female sex workers, and foreign nationals

Appendix A: Approval of Rough Sleeping Drug and Alcohol Treatment Grant Cabinet Report

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