

## OFFICER DECISION RECORD

<b>CMT Officer:</b> Dan Horn, Assistant Director	<b>Service:</b> Housing & Community Support
<b>Lead Officer:</b> Sarah Gove, Housing & Communities Manager	<b>Delegated Power Being Exercised:</b> Part 3 - Responsibilities for Functions; Tables 4 and 5, paragraph 10:  Paragraph 10 of the Constitution states:  To authorise the allocation of external funding awarded to the Council, the approval of the Council's acquisitions of goods, services and works (whether following a procurement exercise or otherwise) <sup>89</sup> and entry in to the associated financial and legal agreements up to the following limits: Value Designation Up to £100,000 Corporate Directors and Assistant Directors
<b>Subject of Decision:</b> To approve receipt of Top Up of Rough Sleeper Prevention and Recovery Grant (RSPRG) Funding (£25k) from the Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority (CPCA)	

<b>Decision Taken:</b> To receive 25K funding from CPCA – to spend in accordance with the Grant Funding Agreement set out above.
<b>Reason for the Decision:</b> <p>The Cambridge and Peterborough Combined Authority have received £100k from the Ministry of Housing Communities &amp; Local Government (MHCLG) for local authorities to help tackle homelessness and rough sleeping. The fund is linked to the council's 25/26 Rough Sleeper prevention and Resettlement Grant.</p> <p>The funding will help to support Fenland District Council's Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy 2024 - 2029 and helps tackle moving people out of B&amp;B and temporary accommodation quicker.</p> <p>The interventions include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A moving on fund (to free up supported living accommodation placements) removals, basic furniture etc.</li> <li>• Rent deposits to enable move on and to free up spaces in supported accommodation to enable clients rough sleeping or at risk of rough sleeping to receive support.</li> <li>• Supported accommodation for homeless people/rough sleepers who are working for a period of up to 6 weeks (and are not eligible for benefits due to their income but are still unable to afford the supported accommodation charges).</li> <li>• Payment towards rent arrears to enable the client to stay in situ and avoid homelessness – support and repayment plan in place with their landlord.</li> <li>• Flexible prevention fund - to cover incidental costs including for example: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Replacement passport / identification</li> <li>2. provision of a basis mobile phone to assist clients with accessing their Universal Credit.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>

<b>Alternative Options Considered</b> (if appropriate): N/A	
<b>Background/Reports/Information considered and attached:</b> MHCLG <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/rough-sleeping-prevention-and-recovery-grant-2025-to-2026-updated-allocations">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/rough-sleeping-prevention-and-recovery-grant-2025-to-2026-updated-allocations</a>	
<b><u>Legal and Procurement Implications</u></b>  To sign a Grant Funding Agreement which commits the council to spend the money in accordance with the interventions set out above by 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2026  <b><u>Financial Implications</u></b>  To monitor the fund spend in accordance with the Grant Funding Agreement to spend money by tried and trusted methods of prevention of homelessness we have used for some time.  Entering into any financial and legal agreements to accept the funding.  There are no procurement implications.	
Officer's Signature:  Dan Horn, Assistant Director  In consultation with Councillor Sam Hoy, Portfolio Holder for Housing	Date:  21 November 2025

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