

**OPERATIONAL BOARD
23 FEBRUARY 2017**

ITEM A4

GRANT FUNDING FOR NO SECOND NIGHT OUT 2017/18

Report of the Head of Housing Management & Housing Options

1. SUMMARY

To consider a contribution to support No Second Night Out (NSNO) provision for homeless people.

2. RECOMMENDATION

Subject to consent from Derby City Council, it is recommended that Derby Homes contributes £32,000 in 2017/18 to support this project.

3. REASON(S) FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 To support vulnerable rough sleepers , working to move them into more permanent homes.

4. MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION

- 4.1 The last rough sleeper's verified estimate for Derby City, in November 2016, recorded 21 individuals.
- 4.2 The No Second Night Out Service (NSNO) is a joint partnership with Derby City and the local authorities of Derbyshire. The Service is delivered by Riverside English Churches Housing Group (RECHG).
- 4.3 The service has been set up to significantly reduce rough-sleeping and single homelessness in Derby / Derbyshire and prevent new occurrences through identification (identifying the rough sleepers) and local accountability.
- 4.4 No Second Night Out is a pledge made to people new to the streets, and is part of a commitment to end rough sleeping. In order to tackle rough sleeping once and for all, society needs to focus its energies on meeting four simple pledges:
1. No one new to the streets should spend a second night out.
 2. No one should make their home on the streets.
 3. No one should return to the streets once they have been helped off them.
 4. Ultimately, no one should arrive on the streets.
- 4.5 NSNO promotes and advertises to the public, services and rough sleepers themselves the ways to help rough sleepers off the streets by contacting the service through the national website and 24/7 telephone line.

- 4.6 NSNO ensures each referral is efficiently/effectively passed onto the outreach teams for appropriate action and will provide feedback to anyone referring a rough sleeper on action taken and do this within 10 working days.
- 4.5 NSNO works with Local Authorities Homeless Teams and with partner agencies, day centres and volunteers to accommodate longer-term rough sleepers in a combined hub/accommodation units, to find an immediate solution off the streets including reconnection, engagement with specialized services e.g. health, employment/training and access to accommodation providers.
- 4.6 The service accepts referrals 24 hours a day through a Hub at Centenary House, Mount Street, Derby (24 hour direct access hostel). We will continue to identify and provide 8 sit up and emergency beds and these will be solely used for NSNO, entrenched rough sleepers and new rough sleepers to ensure clients will not be sleeping out on the streets.
- 4.7 Outreach workers and highly skilled volunteers respond to referrals, identifying rough sleepers, bringing them into services where they can be accommodated in a sit-up bed.
- 4.8 The NSNO service contributes to addressing and reducing homelessness and rough sleeping across Derby City. During the period Jan 2016 to December 2016 the service received 553 referrals from across the City. Some of these were repeat referrals, equating to roughly 400 individuals in need. 163 were moved on to supported housing, a further 60 returned home and a further 34 reconnected to elsewhere, having no local connection with Derby. Other departures from the service included being taken into custody, staying with family and friends, moving to private rented accommodation, entering hospital, moving to bed and breakfast accommodation, and some who just left and disengaged.
- 4.9 To continue the project from April 2017 to March 2018 a contribution of £32,000 is sought from Derby Homes Management fee. This will complete the £80,000 funding required to support the scheme in Derby for the year. The balance of funding has been secured through Derby City Council Public Health. I believe that this offers good value for money and provides a valuable resource for our most vulnerable citizens.

5. FINANCIAL AND BUSINESS PLAN IMPLICATIONS

Funding of £32,000 in 2017/18 is available from the Community Initiatives budget.

6. LEGAL AND CONFIDENTIALITY IMPLICATIONS

Derby Homes Memorandum states:

“(18) Subject to the prior written consent of the City Council to make donations, grants or loans or provide services or assistance to such persons and organisations and on such terms as the Board shall think fit to further the objects of the Organisation.”

7. COUNCIL IMPLICATIONS

Consent will be sought from the City Council.

The areas listed below have no implications directly arising from this report:

Consultation
Personnel
Environmental
Equalities Impact Assessment
Health & Safety
Risk
Policy Review

If Board Members or others would like to discuss this report ahead of the meeting please contact:

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