

## Decision Recording Form

<b>Title</b>	Rough Sleeper Project Grant Award	<b>Decision Maker</b>	Head of Housing & Customer Services
<b>Date of decision</b>	03/04/17	<b>Source of authority</b>	Part 3 section 5 Officer Scheme of Delegations section 8.2
<b>Date of Publication</b>			

### Background and Reason for decision

The project requires the acceptance of £331,719 over a 2 year period from the Department of Communities and Local Government for a multi-agency response to rough sleeping in the Town.

The Department of Communities and Local Government issued a letter to the Chief Executive offering a grant to Ipswich Borough Council and Suffolk Coastal District Council of £331,719 to address rough sleeping. A steering group of service providers has been established with the Ipswich Local Housing partnership led by Ipswich Borough Council.

#### **Why it is being made listing reasons for the decision**

Rough sleeping is increasing and is a concern. The last count in November 2017 showed a 70% annual increase to 27 people. The Council works with the Ipswich Local Housing partnership to address all causes of homelessness and rough sleeping and ensure that these people are supported back into the community. This award will be a significant help in resourcing additional services.

#### **Alternative options considered and why rejected**

The alternative option would be to reject the grant award but this would be detrimental to addressing rough sleeping and the wellbeing of Ipswich

#### **List any background documents**

DCLG Contract

#### **Any Crime & Disorder, Equality, Social Value in Contracts, HR, Legal, Financial, ICT or Property implications**

The project aims to address rough sleeping and associated anti-social behaviour.

#### **Anyone who has been consulted during the decision making process**

Leader of the Council, Housing and the Finance Portfolio holders, Section 151 officer

<b>Conflict of interest</b>	N/A	<b>Relevant Portfolio(s)</b>	Housing
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<b>ALL WARDS</b>	Yes	<i>Use a Y in the table below to mark the wards affected if not all wards</i>					
<b>NW</b>	<b>NE</b>	<b>CENTRAL</b>	<b>SW</b>	<b>SE</b>			
Castle Hill	Bixley	Alexandra	Bridge	Gainsborough			
Whitton	Rushmere	St Margaret's	Gipping	Holywells			
Whitehouse	St John's	St John's	Sprites	Priory Heath			
			Stoke Park				

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