

ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCIL

GENERAL EXCEPTION NOTICE

(under regulations 10(1) and 10(3) of The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012 ("the Regulations")

Notice is hereby given that the Cabinet intends at its meeting to be held on Wednesday 14 October 2021 at 5pm at County Hall to make executive decisions regarding the Rough Sleeping Accommodation Programme (RASP) following a successful bid to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG).

These decisions are regarded as 'key decisions' and ordinarily under regulation 9 of the Regulations at least 28 clear days' notice is required to be given in advance on the Forward Plan, setting out that a key decision is to be made, the matter in respect of which the decision is to be made, the name of the decision-making body and its members or the name of the individual decision maker, the date on which, or the period within which, the decision is to be made, a list of the documents submitted, the address from where copies of documents may be obtained, notice that other documents may be submitted to the decision maker and the procedure for requesting details of these documents (if any) as they become available.

Where such notice is impracticable, a general exception notice may instead be given in accordance with regulation 10 of the Regulations.

The Monitoring Officer has by written notice informed the Chairman of the Corporate Scrutiny Committee of the matter about which the decisions are to be made, namely

Cabinet is requested to accept the RSAP Grant Offer and MHCLG grant conditions and approve the associated actions as follows:

- (a) Approve the Business Case at Appendix 1 to the Cabinet Report including the capital match-funding requirement of £389,868 using Section 106 capital receipts.
- (b) Accept the MHCLG funding offer of £389,868 capital and £82,500 revenue funding for the RSAP Project.
- (c) Approve that the Council becomes an investment partner of Homes England and Registered Provider of Housing to draw down MHCLG funding to deliver the RSAP Project.
- (d) Delegates actual property purchase decisions to the Director of Regeneration to ensure minimal delays to deliver the 5 units of accommodation by 31 March 2022 to prevent any claw-back of grant.

The reason why it was impracticable to have complied with the standard advance notice requirement is that MHCLG (now called the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities) (DLUHC) requires decisions to be made as soon as possible and there is an established need to be met.

The background is that in June 2021, local authorities were invited to bid to the Government's Rough Sleeping Accommodation Programme. The bid has been successful. These approvals for the RSAP accommodation project will secure the funding and provide a mandate for staff to deliver this unique opportunity for the Isle of Wight Council to purchase and renovate self-contained affordable accommodation for homeless individuals with a history of rough sleeping. This need has been identified as a primary accommodation gap by Adult Social Care. The capital funding award allows the purchase of properties that will become long term council owned assets for the purposes of providing new "move-on" homes in council control for the first time in many years. The revenue grant allows the necessary support services to be commissioned for homeless individuals. The overarching benefits are to achieve a sustainable reduction in rough sleeping on the Island in the short term with the potential for the council to bid for "affordable" housing grants as an investment partner of Homes England and Registered Provider of Housing in the longer term

A copy of this notice has been made available for inspection by the public and published on the Council's website.

Dated 5 October 2021

Signed: Christopher Potter, Monitoring Officer