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Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Sub Committee	25/02/2020
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Summary

Following a review of services for those sleeping rough in the City of London, options to provide an assessment hub and additional high support hostel accommodation were proposed to Members. The Resource Allocation Sub-Committee and Policy and Resources Committee approved capital funding for an assessment hub and funding to lease a hostel for a 10-year period.

The confirmation of revenue funding to provide the support service for both projects is subject to a separate process.

Recommendation

Members are asked to:

- Note the report.

Main Report

Background

1. Members of the Resource Allocation Sub-Committee considered a report on the Annual Capital Prioritisation at its meeting of 12 December 2020.
2. Members approved significant capital funding for an assessment hub. Further detail was requested on the two options put forward for high support hostel accommodation, with a request to consider a further option.
3. Three options were considered in January 2020 by the Resource Allocation Sub-Committee and Policy Resources Committee within a report on Prioritisation of Remaining Annual Capital Bids 2020/21. These options are detailed in a non-public Appendix as the financial information they contain is commercially sensitive. They proposed repurposing an existing scheme, purchasing a hostel building or leasing a hostel building.
4. Members approved the recommendation to lease a hostel building (Option 3), allocating secured revenue funding to meet potential lease cost over 10 years.

5. The allocations are granted in principle, to be released when the projects reach the appropriate gateway.
6. The proposal for additional accommodation sits alongside changes that are being implemented to the delivery of outreach services and drug and alcohol services, and proposals that include delivery of an assessment hub, a specialist social worker and support to access move-on accommodation or supported return to a home area.

Current Position

7. The delivery of these projects is subject to a separate process to allocate revenue funding. Both projects will require the identification of suitable buildings, and the provision of services will be subject to a tendering process. As such, it is not anticipated that they will be operational before 2021/22 at the earliest.

Corporate & Strategic Implications

8. The projects supported will directly address the aims and ambitions of the City of London Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy 2019–2023 and its agreed objectives:
 - Homelessness is prevented
 - Everyone has a route away from the streets
 - The impact of homelessness is reduced
 - Nobody needs to return to homelessness.
9. The delivery of the proposed options fulfils a Corporate Plan outcome:
 - Contribute to a flourishing society:
 - People are safe and feel safe.
 - People enjoy good health and wellbeing.
 - People have equal opportunities to enrich their lives and reach their full potential.

Conclusion

10. The projects approved will reduce rough sleeping in the Square Mile and provide a level of service commensurate with the scale and complexity of rough sleeping experienced.

Appendices

- Appendix 1 (Non-Public) – Rough sleeping – high support hostel options

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