

## RECORD OF DECISION BY CITY MAYOR OR INDIVIDUAL EXECUTIVE MEMBER

1.	<b>DECISION TITLE</b>	Homelessness Spending Review
2.	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b>	None
3.	<b>DATE OF DECISION</b>	16 December 2014
4.	<b>DECISION MAKER</b>	Assistant City Mayor – Housing
5.	<b>DECISION TAKEN</b>	<p>1) That estimated savings of £375k be agreed in principle, (relating to options R1 and R2 as listed in Appendix A of the report) which can be implemented with no change to the current Homelessness Strategy subject to the outcome of consultation with staff, trade unions and the current provider where required.</p> <p>2) The Director of Housing, in consultation with the Assistant City Mayor for Housing, to implement changes to how housing advice and assistance is provided making best use of web-based information and self-service so that face to face time with clients continues for the most vulnerable. These changes to be made in the context of the Council's overall review of how it provides customer contact and the Customer Service Centre functions. The Homelessness Reference Group to be consulted about any changes proposed. The estimated savings are £140k. (R3 as listed in Appendix A) subject to consultation with staff and trade unions as appropriate through the organisational change procedure.</p> <p>3) That the voluntary sector to be invited to submit proposals to provide a buddying scheme to address loneliness and isolation within the single homeless population at an estimated annual cost of up to £15k pa.</p> <p>4) To reflect the anticipated savings in the approved budget and budget strategy, and reduce budgets accordingly by the following amounts:  a. -2014/15 £333k;  b. -2015/16 £567k;  c. -2016/17 £700k.</p> <p>5) To delegate authority to the Director of Finance to determine the specific budget ceilings affected.</p> <p>6) Officers to review needs data to determine if the level of floating support can be reduced further, keeping the current criteria (R4 as listed in Appendix A) and this work to be completed by March 2015.</p> <p>7) To note that £185k of Housing General Fund savings have been identified from efficiencies</p>

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		already made or forecast within the Renewal and Grants Service. (Options R5 and R6 at Appendix A).
6.	<b>REASON FOR DECISION</b>	These savings form part of the spending review of homelessness services, and are needed to meet expected future budget reductions.
7.	a) <b>KEY DECISION Y/N?</b> b) If yes, was it published 5 clear days in advance? y/n	Y Y
8.	<b>OPTIONS CONSIDERED</b>	The review considered if there were more efficient ways of achieving the current Strategy. This has led to some proposals for internal re-organisation and how housing advice is provided.
9.	<b>DEADLINE FOR CALL-IN</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5 Members of a Scrutiny Commission or any 5 Councillors can ask for the decision to be called-in.</li> <li>• Notification of Call-In with reasons must be made to the Monitoring Officer</li> </ul>	23 December 2014
10.	<b>SIGNATURE OF DECISION MAKER</b> (City Mayor or where delegated by the City Mayor, name of Executive Member)	