

INFORMATION ITEM



REPORT OF	MEETING	DATE	ITEM NO
DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIRECTORATE	ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH AND HOUSING COMMITTEE	6 SEPTEMBER 2016	10
LANCASHIRE SINGLE HOMELESSNESS INITIATIVE EVALUATION			

PUBLIC ITEM

This item is for consideration in the public part of the meeting.

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

In 2012 DCLG awarded a total sum of £504,000 across all Lancashire authorities in respect of the Lancashire Single Homeless Project. Chorley BC acted as the Lead Authority for the project. Local authorities were arranged in Clusters to take responsibility for delivery of the programme – East, Central and North. Fylde council is part of the North Cluster of authorities which also includes Lancaster and Wyre Councils. The North Cluster had a total initially of £102,517 to take forward the projects under the Lancashire Single Homelessness Initiative.

Under the requirements of the funding Lancashire Authorities were to pilot approaches to support single homeless households across Lancashire for a period of 12 months. The three initiatives are:

Project 1 - Shared housing for under 35 year olds

Project 2 - Accommodation finding service including an enhanced rent bond scheme for under 35 year olds in Lancaster and Wyre

Project 3 - Pre-tenancy training to single people who are seeking accommodation or are at risk of losing their existing accommodation

The project has now ended and an evaluation report is attached with this information item reporting on conclusions and lessons learnt from the projects.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION

Lancashire single homelessness initiative project evaluation

LINK TO INFORMATION

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Policy Development Scrutiny Committee 12/03/2015

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WHY IS THIS INFORMATION BEING GIVEN TO THE COMMITTEE?

An individual Cabinet Member Decision was made on the 22 October 2014 to approve a fully funded budget increase for the total sum of £88,450 (£40,225 in 14/15 and £48,225 in 15/16) comprising:

- £18,000 (£5,000 in 2014/15 and £13,000 in 2015/16) for the administration of the north cluster of Lancashire authorities in respect of the Lancashire Single Homelessness project, £10,500 of which will be retained by Fylde Council for fulfilling the project lead function;
- £70,450 (£35,225 in 2014/15 and £35,225 in 2015/16) for the delivery of the specified pilot projects across all three authorities comprising the north cluster of Lancashire authorities in respect of the Lancashire Single Homelessness Project.
- To reiterate the request for the Lancashire Single Homelessness Initiative to go to Policy Development Scrutiny Committee on the 19th February 2015 in order to scrutinise the predicted outcomes and value for money of the projects.

On the 12th March 2015 the Lancashire Single Homelessness Initiative project was taken to Policy Development Scrutiny Committee and it was noted an additional report would be provided to a future meeting of the Environment, Health and Housing Committee to consider the final outcomes and future opportunities arising from the project.

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FURTHER INFORMATION

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