



Department for Levelling Up,  
Housing & Communities

## **UNDER EMBARGO: ROUGH SLEEPING INITIATIVE 2022-25 AWARD**

Dear Colleague,

I want to start by thanking you for your efforts and engagement with the coproduction process for the Rough Sleeping Initiative (RSI) 2022-25. This was a considerable amount of work, particularly during a time when you were continually called on to respond to the ongoing challenges of the pandemic. Thank you also for your patience in waiting to hear the outcome of your application.

The RSI is crucial to ensuring we end rough sleeping, and we are pleased to confirm allocations for the RSI 2022 to 2025.

We now have a real opportunity, with a multi-year programme, to end rough sleeping. The 2021 snapshot of 2,440 people sleeping rough marks a fall in rough sleeping numbers for the fourth year in a row from its peak in 2017. By giving Local Authorities the certainty of a three-year funding settlement, we expect to see a long term, strategic approach to ending rough sleeping in every area. This investment will allow you to build on the progress of recent years, moving increasingly from a focus on intervention to supporting long term recovery and preventing rough sleeping.

To support you we will be developing our engagement, monitoring and reporting of the RSI and we look forward to working with you and your partners over the coming years.

This letter is issued under strict embargo until further notice of a public announcement. We will write to you to update you on plans for a formal announcement in due course.

### **RSI 2022-25 Allocations – North Northamptonshire Council**

We are pleased to inform you that your bid has been successful in securing £2,185,085 from the RSI 2022 to 2025.

The services that this award will fund are detailed in ANNEX A, along with any specific conditions relating to delivery.

We have set out some key principles for RSI 22-25 in ANNEX B, these principles reflect the guidance we provided in November 2021, and set out the principles by which we will support you and monitor your success.

In addition, we expect you to engage fully with us to develop annual delivery plans and operational targets, and to report on progress, risks, and issues in a timely and candid manner. An overview of programme management arrangements and details of the payment schedule can be found in ANNEX C. We will share further details of these arrangements in due course.

All RSI funding is subject to the conditions set out in Annex D, which will also be set out in the grant determination.

Thank you once again for your work to support rough sleepers and we look forward to working with you on your plans to support vulnerable people and end rough sleeping in your area.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'I Connell', written in a cursive style.

Isabella Connell, Deputy Director, Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Directorate

## **Annex A - Breakdown of funding**

Funding has been agreed for the following services:

	<b>Sum of Year 1 - Final</b>	<b>Sum of Year 2 - Final</b>	<b>Sum of Year 3 - Final</b>	<b>Sum of Total - Final</b>	<b>Sum of Staff 22/23</b>	<b>Sum of Staff 23/24</b>	<b>Sum of Staff 24/25</b>
<b>North Northamptonshire Council</b>	<b>£760,960</b>	<b>£744,550</b>	<b>£679,575</b>	<b>£2,185,085</b>	<b>13.50</b>	<b>12.50</b>	<b>12.00</b>
Complex Needs Homelessness Navigator	£0	£41,200	£42,400	£83,600	1.00	1.00	1.00
Housing First Dispersed Accommodation	£23,870	£25,000	£26,200	£75,070	0.00	0.00	0.00
Rough Sleeper Coordinator	£53,300	£55,500	£56,500	£165,300	1.00	1.00	1.00
Rough Sleeper Intervention Fund	£45,000	£40,000	£30,000	£115,000	0.00	0.00	0.00
Rough Sleeper Team (Outreach and in-reach)	£343,790	£327,850	£289,475	£961,115	10.00	9.50	9.00
RSI Strategy and Partnerships Officer	£68,000	£45,000	£45,000	£158,000	1.50	1.00	1.00
S&H (Emergency / Off-the-street accommodation)	£100,000	£95,000	£90,000	£285,000	0.00	0.00	0.00
Supported / Off-the-street accommodation (Dorking House, Corby and Rushden Homeless Accommodation)	£127,000	£115,000	£100,000	£342,000	0.00	0.00	0.00

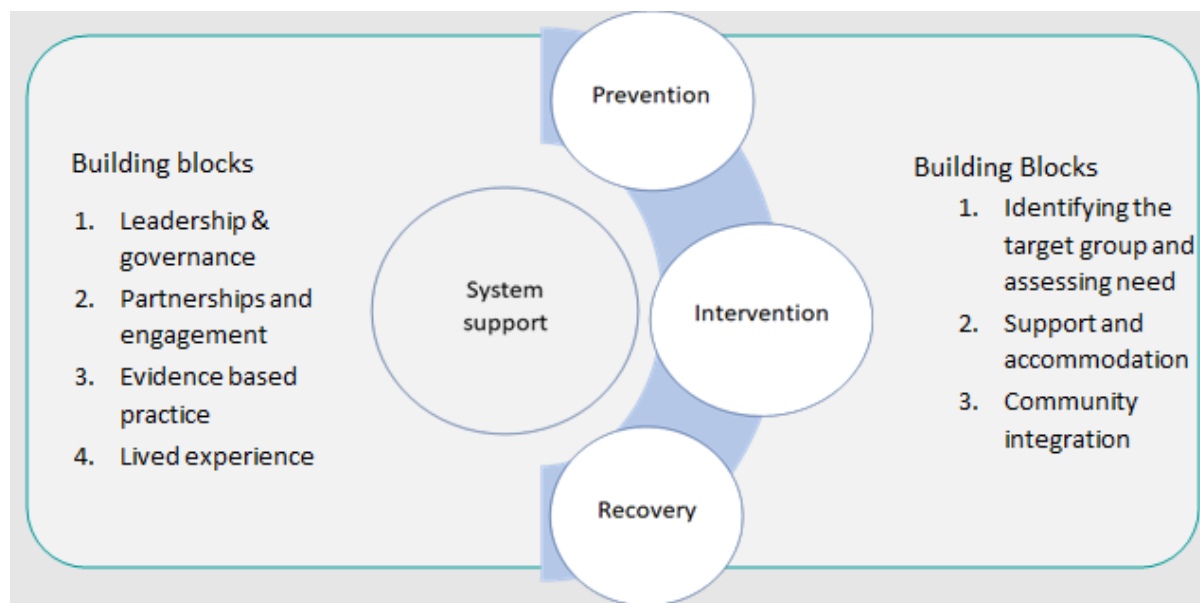
## **ANNEX B – PRINCIPLES OF RSI 22-25 FUNDING**

RSI 2022 – 25 will be governed by the following principles built on the guidance issued in November 2021 and the four key approaches (Intervention, Recovery, Prevention & Systems Support) outlined in the self-assessment form as part of your application.

- 1) That Local Authorities work with DLUHC, public bodies, the VCS (Voluntary & Community Sector) sector and your local community for a continued focus on an end to rough sleeping.
- 2) Local rough sleeping services will mature over the lifetime of RSI, developing approaches from emergency accommodation and crisis interventions towards a sustainment of a life away from the streets and preventing people rough sleeping for the first time.
- 3) Interventions supported by the RSI should work with those people sleeping rough who have the highest/most complex need (including Target Priority Groups), finding innovative and assertive ways to support these people off the streets.
- 4) Local Authorities should consider how their interventions can be flexible and respond to seasonal demands, including winter and other surge provision (with no expectation of additional funding from the Department for this purpose in year).
- 5) Rough sleeping is resolved through a partnership response. RSI will be most effectively used when it is delivered in partnership with other agencies, the VCS sector, and the local community. Local Authorities should actively develop and be able to evidence ongoing engagement with partner agencies including health, substance misuse, criminal justice services and the voluntary sector in local rough sleeping responses.
- 6) Services can be improved and targeted where they are most needed through shared intelligence, data, and information. Local Authorities will be expected to provide regular information on the performance of services, local rough sleeper numbers and the emergency of issues for DLUHC's attention.

## **Annex C – Programme management overview and payment schedule**

As set out in the RSI self-assessment, completed as part of your application for funding, we see the following four approaches as key to tackling rough sleeping effectively: prevention, intervention, recovery, and system support. In the RSI 22-25 guidance and self-assessment toolkit, we set out ‘building blocks’ and described what an embedded, matured response would look like. During the RSI 2022 to 2025 we will ask you to evaluate and report on how funding is helping you develop these building blocks.



We anticipate the following monitoring schedule and will provide details shortly.

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Justification</b>	<b>Frequency</b>	<b>When</b>
<p><b>Delivery Plan</b></p> <p>Your delivery plan will build on your self-assessment, submitted with your RSI application. This will be co-produced with your RSI adviser, including individualised outcomes and success measures, maturity ratings (developing, established, embedded), review of your Target Priority Group/Target 1000 and revised operational targets.</p> <p>The level of detail required will be proportionate to your RSI funding.</p>	<p>This provides a holistic assessment, acting as an opportunity to review your achievements and areas for development, progress against operational targets, and maturation of your pathway. It also outlines individual outcomes and success measures.</p>	<p>Annually</p>	<p>Year 1: by 1st Oct 2022</p> <p>Year 2: May 2023</p> <p>Year 3: May 2024</p>
<p><b>Engagement with DLUHC Advisers</b></p> <p>Regular contact with your RSI Adviser to review progress against your delivery plan and impact of the work to reduce</p>	<p>Providing support and challenge on delivery of RSI interventions, identifying risks /</p>	<p>Will be agreed with your Adviser and be proportionate</p>	<p>TBC</p>

and end rough sleeping in your local authority	issues and sharing good practice.	to local challenges	
<b>RSI progress report</b> 'Light touch' reporting on delivery of RSI interventions. Submitted online.	Providing assurance on delivery of RSI interventions, any conditions, and risks/issues.	Quarterly	End of each fiscal quarter
<b>Declaration of spend</b> in line with ringfencing and declaration of underspend.	To allow for payment in line with delivery.	Six monthly	At each tranche payment
<b>Final declaration of spend</b>	To allow for payment in line with delivery.	End of programme	April 2025
<b>Deep dive</b> Some areas receiving RSI funding will be invited to engage in at least one 'deep dive' over the RSI period. This will involve a full review of programme delivery. Selection for deep dive will be proportionate to RSI funding.	This allows for full engagement on delivery, providing an opportunity to explore what is working well, and any risks or issues. It will be a constructive exercise.	n/a	Once or twice during the programme for higher bid areas.
<b>Additional review</b> All areas may be subject to desk-based review, visits or deep dive requests subject to performance or other issues. Criteria for review will be shared with you, and will include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Failure to meet conditions of the funding agreement.</li> <li>• Significant delays to delivery or underspend</li> <li>• Concerns with numbers on the street, (or in surge accommodation), e.g., where numbers show an increase based on similar periods in preceding years.</li> <li>• Concern about performance or delivery.</li> <li>• In response to any serious local incidents</li> <li>• Events beyond LAs control leading to increased pressure on RSI interventions.</li> </ul> The outcome of the review will be a description of remedial action taken or an agreement for remedial action.	For areas where delivery or other risks and issues have been identified and more detailed understanding is needed and agreement on action to resolve issues.  Enables a review of payments, requests to repurpose funds, or additional funding where LAs face significant unforeseen pressures.	As required	As required

The above is in addition to your monthly reporting via DELTA. Recipients of funding must complete quality assured information returns, provided by DLUHC at monthly intervals. The data must be submitted by a date to be specified by DLUHC and must include emergency accommodation and rough sleeping management information. Areas that reported rough sleeping numbers of 15 and over at an Annual Count must ensure they are conducting regular rough sleeping counts, until the next annual count shows a count of less than 15.

The payment schedule for the RSI 2022 – 2025 is as follows:

Tranche 1 payment: Summer 2022  
Tranche 2 payment: Autumn 2022  
Tranche 3 payment: Spring 2023  
Tranche 4 payment: Autumn 2023  
Tranche 5 payment: Spring 2024  
Tranche 6 payment: Autumn 2024

RSI4 underspend will be deducted from your Tranche 1 payment.

From tranche 2 onwards, payments are dependent on the mobilisation and delivery of services, engagement with monitoring processes, and a statement of expenditure.

## **ANNEX D: General conditions of funding**

The grant funding confirmed within this letter is ring-fenced for the sole purpose of providing Rough Sleeping Initiative funded services that were approved by DLUHC.

**Payment of subsequent tranche funding is dependent on whether the agreed conditions upon which the grant is being paid have been complied with.**

The agreed conditions are covered below. If an authority fails to comply with any of the conditions, DLUHC may reduce, suspend, or withhold grant; or require the repayment of the whole or any part of the grant.

Conditions are:

1. Funding has been used to establish or continue Rough Sleeping Initiative services agreed by DLUHC to immediately intervene in, prevent and reduce rough sleeping in fiscal years 2022/23 - 2024/25. If repurposing of funding is required, the authority must engage with their adviser and DLUHC for prior written approval to agree where services need to change to best meet need and end rough sleeping in the area.
2. The Chief Executive, section 151 officer, or Chief Internal Auditor of each of the recipient Authorities must, in advance of tranche payments, sign and return a declaration in the following terms:  
  
*“To the best of our knowledge and belief, and having carried out appropriate investigations and checks, in our opinion, in all significant respects, the conditions attached to Rough Sleeping Initiative No XX/XXXX have been complied with.”*
3. The funding is delivered in accordance with the principles outlined in ANNEX B.
4. Recipients of funding must discuss and engage in communications on the RSI programme where requested, including regular meetings with their Rough Sleeping Initiative Adviser, and reporting as set out in Annex C above.
5. There is satisfactory response to, and resolution of, any actions or agreements resulting from an additional review as outlined in Annex C.
6. Where alternative funding for interventions or outcomes supported by RSI 22-25 is made available, we expect LAs to pursue these funding opportunities and DLUHC may review continued funding if alternative or more appropriate funding from other public sources is available.
7. Ensure that support offered to non-UK nationals who are not eligible for homelessness assistance due to their immigration status complies with any legal restrictions (for example, the restrictions contained in Schedule 3 to the Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act 2002).



