

Appendix 1 – Draft City Executive Board response to recommendations of the Scrutiny Committee made on 5 February 2019 concerning the Rent Guarantee Scheme

Draft response provided by the Board Member for Leisure and Housing

| <i>Recommendation</i> | <i>Agree?</i> | <i>Comment</i> |
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| <p>Recommendation 1: That the City Executive Board:</p> <p>a) Notes that the Rent Guarantee Scheme applies to families only; not single people or couples, who are most risk at risk of rough sleeping.</p> <p>b) Considers how the Council might extend the Scheme so that it applies to at-risk single people and couples, and that this expansion is integrated in with the Lord Mayor’s Deposit Guarantee Scheme, which performs a similar function but applies to single people and couples.</p> | Partially | <p>The Lord Mayor’s Deposit Scheme provides help with a deposit and rent in advance for people who find their own private rented sector property. Anyone is able to apply for this scheme.</p> <p>The Home Choice and Rent Guarantee Schemes are quite different. These are schemes which enable the Council to fulfil its statutory duty towards households that it must accommodate. Prior to the introduction of the Homelessness Reduction Act (2017), this was entirely made up of families. The Council recognises that there is a need to provide a similar service for individuals, and has recently submitted a bid into the government to run a pilot scheme to support this group into the private rented sector.</p> |

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