

City Executive Board response to recommendations of the Housing Panel (Panel of the Scrutiny Committee) made on 10 April 2019 concerning item 9: Project approval for the development of a homeless shelter and assessment hub at Floyds Row

Provided by the Board Member for Leisure and Housing (Homelessness and the Private Rented Sector)

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Recommendation	Agree?	Comment
<p>1. That the Council continues to encourage the Government to provide funding to plug the capital shortfall while also exploring opportunities to draw on other local and national funding streams for specific purposes.</p>	Yes	<p>Council Officers (including the Head of Housing and Assistant Chief Executive) met with the Council’s MHCLG Specialist Rough Sleeping Advisor on 9th April 2019 to further highlight the merits of the Oxford bid in the Rapid Rehousing Pathway (RRP) funding round currently being evaluated by the MHCLG.</p> <p>We will also make representations at senior level in CLG and the LGA and ask the other Oxfordshire authorities to do likewise to further support this bid and stress the importance of this funding opportunity to deliver a project to significantly address and reduce rough sleeping across Oxfordshire.</p>
<p>2. That the Council builds on the successful service user engagement activities that have taken place by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Ensuring (through the contract with the service provider) that a culture of service user participation will be maintained at Floyd’s Row. b) Taking a similar approach to service user participation and co-production in future projects. 	Yes	<p>Officers will seek to embed the practice of service users engagement in the service delivery of this new service, recognising that this can be best achieved through various measures, including pro-active participation and co-design; organisational culture and staff attitudes; using volunteers and persons with lived experience in the mainstream delivery of services, etc. This approach can be underpinned through requirements in the service specification and contracts.</p> <p>Officers will disseminate the approach used in this design exercise through the Project Management Office and seek to co-produce other services based on these principles and lessons learnt, to maximise the user voice in service delivery.</p>

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