Minutes Supplement for Housing and Homelessness Panel – 03 July 2024

Minute 9: Report back on recommendations

Action	Response
The Panel requested that the Scrutiny Officer seek confirmation that the tenant communications campaign in relation to Selective Licensing would include accessible and inclusive communications, including forms of communication which were not digitally based.	A tenant communications campaign in relation to Selective Licensing is planned for September 2024. Communication channels will include various methods, digital and non-digital (all methods subject to budget).
The Panel requested that the Scrutiny Officer seek confirmation in relation to what would happen if the Severe Weather Emergency Protocol budget was not sufficient to cover costs in any given year; and whether there was any contingency funding.	In recent years, the Council has delivered the Severe Weather Emergency Protocol (SWEP) within budget using allocated funds from the Preventing Homelessness Grant and through annual grants issued by Central Government. It is likely that this will continue in future years, with an increase in the Council's budget for SWEP in 2024/25 agreed to support this. In the event that Government grant did stop or if the cost of providing the SWEP exceeded the existing budget and grant within the current financial year, we would not fail to provide SWEP services. In these circumstances officers would review budgets and unallocated grant funding or other unspent budgets in first instance.

