

<b>DECISION TITLE: Variation to Peterborough City Council’s contract for Integrated Drug and Alcohol Treatment Services to incorporate additional funding from Peterborough's Rough Sleepers Drug and Alcohol Grant (RSDATG)</b>
<b>COUNCILLOR ISHFAQ HUSSAIN CABINET MEMBER FOR ADULT’S AND PUBLIC HEALTH</b>
<b>September 2023</b>
<b>Deadline date:</b> September 2023

Cabinet portfolio holder: Responsible Director:	Cabinet Member for Adult’s and Public Health - Councillor Ishfaq Hussain Director of Public Health – Jyoti Atri
Is this a Key Decision?	YES If yes has it been included on the Forward Plan: YES Unique Key decision Reference from Forward Plan: KEY/25SEP23/01
Is this decision eligible for call-in?	YES
Does this Public report have any annex that contains exempt information?	NO

<b>RECOMMENDATIONS</b>
The Cabinet Member is recommended to:
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Approve a variation of the Council's Integrated Drug and Alcohol Treatment Service contract with Change Grow Live Limited to incorporate additional grant funding received from the Office of Health Improvement and Disparities for Rough Sleeper Drug and Alcohol Treatment for contract year 2023/24 and 2024/25. The contract variation value shall be £707,126.00 in contract year 23/24 and £734,803.00 in contract year 24/25. The total value of the contract variation shall be £1,441,929.00.</li> <li>2. Authorise the Council to enter into a contract variation with the provider, Change Grow Live Limited, for the contract years 2023/24 and 2024/25.</li> </ol>

**1. PURPOSE OF THIS REPORT**

1.1 This report is for the Cabinet Member to consider exercising delegated authority under paragraph 3.4.3 of Part 3 of the constitution in accordance with the terms of their portfolio

To request the Cabinet Member for Adult’s Public Health to approve spend of the Office of Health Improvement and Disparities (OHID) for the Drug and Alcohol Treatment Grant (RSDATG) for contract years 23/24 and 24/25 and the contract variation with the provider Change Grow Live to incorporate the funding and services to be delivered in exchange for this additional funding. The proposal is to spend on local services CGL supporting rough sleepers with substance misuse issues in Peterborough. The services have already been funding through historic funding awarded to the Council for the Rough Sleeper’s Drug and Alcohol Treatment Grant and the funding for contract year 2023/24 and 2024/25 shall enable these services to continue.

## 2. TIMESCALES

Is this a Major Policy Item/Statutory Plan?	No	If yes, date for Cabinet meeting	N/A
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## 3. BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES

- 3.1 A government commitment to the roll out the Rough Sleepers Drug and Alcohol Treatment Grant (RSDATG) was included in the government’s National Drug Strategy ‘From Harm to Hope: a 10-year drugs plan to cut crime and save lives. This builds on the investment to support rough sleepers with drug and alcohol issues made available during the pandemic.

The current financial year 23/24 is the 3<sup>rd</sup> year Peterborough City Council (PCC) has been awarded the RSDATG Grant. PCC commissions Change Grow Live (CGL) to deliver the RSDATG locally as an additional component to the Integrated Drug and Alcohol Service which CGL delivers in Peterborough. The RSDATG funds a Drug and Alcohol Rough Sleeping Team comprising of 16.1 FTE equivalents including (Outreach Workers, a Social Worker, Prescribers, EU Worker, Peer Support, Data Admin and Management roles). The team provides outreach work, harm reduction and helps people to access drug and alcohol treatment and housing.

The team is well established working in close partnership with front line homelessness services. The team is based at CGL and at Garden House Homeless Day Centre. CGL support the new Homeless Health HUB and a key partner delivering sessions on the new Health Bus recently been commissioned jointly by PCC and the Integrated Commissioning Board (ICB).

**OHID funds the project on a short-term basis hence the need to approve spend for the current and subsequent contract year.** The Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care, Health and Public Health is asked to approve 23/24 and 24/25 contract year spend to enable the existing CGL Rough Sleeper Drug and Alcohol Service to continue delivering these vital services in Peterborough.

## 4. CORPORATE PRIORITIES

- 4.1 *Consider how the recommendation links to the Council’s Corporate Priorities:*

### 1. *The Economy & Inclusive Growth*

- ***Environment (including a summary of the outcome of a completed Carbon Impact Assessment, to be submitted in full to the Transport and Environment Team)***
- *Homes and Workplaces*
- ***Jobs and Money***

The proposal has a neutral impact on the council's and city's emissions. This proposal is for continued funding of a service already in place and there are no changes to the service delivery. The Outreach Team's work is predominately completed on foot and any travel by car will be minimised where possible.

2. *Our Places & Communities*

- **Places and Safety (including any rural implications)**
- *Lives and Work*
- **Health and Wellbeing**

The service will contribute towards a reduction in poverty by supporting those in treatment to gain and sustain housing. This will consequently reduce the health impacts of rough sleeping and homelessness. Work is integrated with the Peterborough Homeless Health HUB/Bus to help maximise access to health services and improve outcomes. The service is supporting work reducing inequalities in preventable deaths before the age of 75 and increase the number of years people live in good health.

3. *Prevention, Independence & Resilience*

- *Educations and Skills for All*
- **Adults**
- *Children*

This provision will support the corporate ambition to safeguard vulnerable residents as those successfully helped to access to housing and drug and alcohol treatment will be more able to live independent lives and return to the workforce. The support provided is multidisciplinary and alongside drug and alcohol treatment and securing more stable housing support will be provided to help develop and improve life skills and make referrals to a wide range of support services.

4. *Sustainable Future City Council*

- **How we Work**
- *How we Serve*
- *How we Enable*

Clients supported by the service will also be able to benefit from access to the CGL Individual Placement and Support Service (IPS). This will help them to access employment which is a key factor in sustaining and maintaining housing.

## 5. **CONSULTATION**

There was detailed consultation undertaken in setting up the original team in 21/22. Since the original set up, consultation has been ongoing leading to changes and refinements being made based on feedback received. This has led to the introduction of a social work role, new prescribing role and dedicated EU worker. These additions will help improve access to social care, faster access to prescribing and ability to offer a more tailored service to rough sleepers from the EU. There is also a peer support role embedded in the service to work alongside and consult with service users.

The paper has been included in the consent section of Peterborough Corporate Leadership Team (PCLT).

## 6. **ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES OR IMPACT**

- 6.1 A contract variation with Change Grow Live to incorporate the RSDATG services and funding within contract year 2023/24 and 2024/25,

As part of this funding quarterly monitoring is in place via system established via OHID. The monitoring looks at how many people the service engages with and progress measures around drug treatment. To complement this as well an independent external evaluation has been commissioned by Public Health. This is due to report in December 2023. This will give a comprehensive understanding of what outcomes have been achieved via this project and will inform future commissioning of services. As part of this a logic model will be in place moving forward with an agreed set of service outcomes.

## **7. REASON FOR THE RECOMMENDATION**

- 7.1 The main reason for the recommendation is to approve the funding for 23/24 and 24/25 to enable a continuation of the Rough Sleeper Drug and Alcohol Treatment Service. Health and Wellbeing Strategy outcomes supported by this service include reducing the impact of harmful drinking and alcohol dependence especially for those in the lowest income bracket, reducing poverty through moving off the street and accessing housing and/or improving housing outcomes.

Continuing the funding will help achieve the government's ambition of reducing and eliminating rough sleeping and addressing one of the underlying causes which is substance misuse.

## **8. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

- 8.1 When the project was developed a range of alternative models were considered which could have for example invested the funding via a housing provider or the Councils existing Rough Sleepers Team. These options though were ruled out for the following reasons:

- This service is required to provide specialist drug and alcohol treatment and CGL is the only commissioned provider in Peterborough delivering this.
- The monitoring requirements set out by OHID require quarterly returns which include details of treatment progress, CGL as the treatment provider already has the necessary IT infrastructure to deliver this and other providers are unlikely to be able to invest the time and resources required to develop this.
- Prior to the funding being awarded by central government the Council was already funding a Specialist Drug and Alcohol Treatment post within the CGL service in recognition that this is specialist work requiring the treatment oversight which CGL can offer.
- For those rough sleepers who are not yet ready to engage in treatment, harm reduction needle and syringe provision needs to be offered and Blood Borne Virus testing, these are interventions which CGL as a Specialist Drug and Alcohol Treatment Provider is best placed to deliver

The CGL Team works in close partnership with the Councils Rough Sleeper Team undertaking joint outreach and co-locates with local housing providers to help access and support the rough sleeper/at risk of rough sleeper client group.

## **9. IMPLICATIONS**

### **Financial Implications**

- 9.1

The financial investment covered by this CMDN is covered in the table below:

<b>Funding</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Notes</b>
£707, 126	23/24	-Total grant £716, 914 (including £45,000 for Tier 4) minus evaluation money of £9,788. -Grant for 23/24 comprised of £226, 084 carried over from 22/23 and £490, 830 additional OHID funding for 23/24 to meet agreed 23/24 allocation -Under spend in 23/24 currently predicted of £59, 730 and reprofiled to support Homeless Health HUB. Underspends monitored closely and will be subject to potential additional re-profiling.
£734, 803	24/25	-OHID have confirmed "The indicative allocation for 2024/25 is the same annual allocation as agreed in 2023-24, subject to adjustment for locally held underspend that will be identified at the end of year financial reconciliation in Q1 of 2023-24" - Have assumed Tier 4 of £62, 889 instead of £45,000 given in 23/24. This is the maximum amount potentially available.
£1, 441, 929.		<b>TOTAL FOR 23/24 AND 24/25</b>

### **Legal Implications**

- 9.2 The Council shall rely on Regulation 72(8) Public Contracts Regulations 2015 to modify this contract.

A contract variation shall be completed between the Council and provider, setting out the value of the variation and the services the provider is required to deliver.

### **Equalities Implications**

- 9.3 A comprehensive Equalities Impact Assessment (EIA) has been completed for the CGL Service including all groups with Protected Characteristics. The EIA identified that the Recruitment of a Rough Sleepers Social Work role would specifically help to target those with social care needs and disabilities. This Social Work role is included as part of this funding being approved. The funding will also include an EU Worker role which will target and support rough sleepers from an EU background who do not have English as a first language.

Homeless presentations for women as often different in Peterborough with many women not sleeping on the streets but in other insecure housing situations where they may be vulnerable to be exploited. The Outreach Team will work jointly with the CGL Vulnerable Women's Worker to ensure interventions are available to women living in these settings.

## **10. DECLARATIONS / CONFLICTS OF INTEREST & DISPENSATIONS GRANTED**

- 10.1 None.

## **11. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

- 11.1 OHID Mou Agreements and original bidding templates.

## **12. APPENDICES**

12.1 None.

