

Northern Rother District Councillors' Report March 2021.

Housing First accommodation for rough sleepers:

Cabinet granted the Head of Housing and Community delegated authority to issue non-secure tenancies enabling the council to provide Housing First accommodation to rough sleepers in the district. This will reduce cost pressures on the council's use of emergency accommodation and provide a stable, independent home and intensive personalised support for those experiencing multiple and complex needs through the rough sleeping initiative.

Key performance indicators for 2021/22 agreed.

Cabinet considered and agreed the key performance indicators (KPI) for 2021/22 by which performance will be monitored to deliver the best possible outcomes with the resources available. The KPIs are themed on the four priority areas of the emerging corporate plan. These are: a. Housing and Communities (five indicators) b. Economic Development and Poverty (three indicators) c. Waste Collection (one indicator) d. Additional Income (two indicators).

They will be reported on a quarterly basis to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (OSC) for monitoring and scrutiny, with any recommendations being forwarded to Cabinet for consideration.

£89,450 of Community Grants approved.

Community Grants totalling £89,450, as recommended by the Grants Panel were approved benefiting a number of community organisations in Rother.

The maximum value for the 'small grant' scheme was also increased to £1000 with the Head of Acquisitions, Transformation and Regeneration being granted delegated authority to approve the small grants following a recommendation from the Grants Panel.

Funding agreed to explore options at Beeching Road.

Cabinet agreed a budget of £220,000 to progress feasibility studies and detailed designs for the future of a Council owned property in Beeching Road, 'West Trading Estate', Bexhill. Investing in and improving the facility on this site will complement the proposals already in development or underway at Beeching Road.

Business grants expanded to support more businesses with significantly reduced incomes.

Members agreed to expand the Additional Restriction Grant scheme to include additional sectors namely Rother based charities with significantly reduced income (50% or more – not charity shops); and small or micro businesses still able to trade but significantly reduced income (50% or more).

Councillors Martin Mooney and Tony Ganly.