

CABINET

20th February 2018

TRANSFORMING CARE CAPITAL GRANT

Report of the Director for People

Strategic Aim:	Reaching our Full Potential	
Key Decision: Yes	Forward Plan Reference: FP/020218	
If not on Forward Plan:	Chief Executive Approved Scrutiny Chair Approved	
Reason for Urgency:	NHS England require us to provide proof that RCC have the correct level of approval to spend the grant on the properties, by the end of the financial year.	
Exempt Information	No	
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DECISION RECOMMENDATIONS

That Cabinet:

1. Authorises the Head of Property Services in consultation with the Director for People and the Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care and Health to pay a reservation fee of £1000 for two flats in advance of receiving a grant from the NHS England.
2. Authorise the Head of Property Services in Consultation with the Director for People and the Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care and Health to acquire two flats on the Larkfleet Development and undertake all necessary works to ensure the units meet the needs of the tenants up to a total cost of £394,000 subject to the receipt of a Grant from NHS England.

1 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 The following report seeks approval to commit up to £394,000 Capital Grant allocated to Rutland County Council (RCC) from NHSE for the purpose of enabling young people and adults with a learning disability and/or autism with behaviours described as challenging to live satisfying and valued lives, and to be treated with dignity and respect.

2 BACKGROUND AND MAIN CONSIDERATIONS

- 2.1 A report was presented to Cabinet on 21st November 2017 (197/2017) seeking approval to accept a £394,000 Capital Grant allocated to Rutland County Council (RCC). The capital grant had been made available by NHSE under Transforming Care for which Local Authorities (LA's) could bid for funds to enable them to purchase properties within their own borders for people with challenging behaviors.
- 2.2 On that date, Cabinet agreed the acceptance of the capital grant and delegated authority to the Director for People, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care and Health to accept the terms and conditions of the grant once known.
- 2.3 Two properties have been identified which could fulfil the purpose of the grant. The properties consist of two flats on the Larkfleet development.
- 2.4 The two flats consist of two bedrooms each enabling wide scope for the perspective tenant's needs and their formal carers. This also gives the option for vulnerable people with less severe needs to share a flat if they so choose.
- 2.5 The cost of the two flats is £300,000 leaving £94,000 built into the grant for any needed alterations dependent on the needs of the identified tenants and the legal fees of the purchase.
- 2.6 In order to release the grant, NHSE are seeking assurance that the Council is giving its permission to acquire the two flats being built on the Larkfleet development and that the money will be ring-fenced for that purpose. This assurance is needed via Cabinet approval.
- 2.7 There is scope in the project for the Council to continue exploration around the grant in its seeking to best meet the needs of Rutland's vulnerable adults. This presents the council with investment opportunities as we progress the primary option while exploring other alternatives.

3 CONSULTATION

There is no need to consult as there is no change in policy and people won't be adversely affected by the acceptance of the capital monies. A Project Board has been established with cross Directorate membership.

4 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 4.1 Not to give permission to spend the capital grant will result in Rutland not being allocated the grant.

5 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The purchase of the properties including any fees and adaptation will be met from the capital grant and therefore there is capital funding requirement placed on the Council.
- 5.2 However it is possible that the Council will need to reserve the units prior to the receipt of the grant from the NHS. The reservation fee is £500 per unit, £1,000 in total. This will be recovered from the grant. However there is a risk, albeit small that the grant may not be forthcoming in which event the Council will not be able to recover this reservation fee.
- 5.3 There is the potential for revenue savings generated through this development, although the level of saving is dependent on the client and care package commissioned around the residents of the properties.
- 5.4 There is potential to expand the project resulting in further revenue savings and generate income to the council.

6 LEGAL AND GOVERNANCE CONSIDERATIONS

- 6.1 In accordance with 10.12 of the Financial Procedure Rules the acquisition of property in excess of £10,000 a report shall be made by the relevant Director in consultation with the Portfolio Holder and Chief Finance Office to the Cabinet for approval.

7 EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 7.1 Equality Impact Screening has been completed. The proposal promotes equality across the council population as all are eligible for the service. No adverse or other significant issues were found.

8 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 There are no community safety implications.

9 HEALTH AND WELLBEING IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 Enable the most vulnerable adults from Rutland to remain in Rutland close to their families and friends.

10 CONCLUSION AND SUMMARY OF REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

- 10.1 Not to give permission to spend the capitals grant will result in Rutland not being allocated the grant.

11 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 11.1 There are no additional background papers to the report.

12 APPENDICES

- 12.1 None

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