

CAPITAL INVESTMENT BRIEFING NOTE FOR PASSPORTING FUNDS



(Young Devon – SHAP Capital and Revenue Award)

SCHEME SUMMARY: *(Provide a brief paragraph outlining the current situation. Explain the details of the proposal and how the proposal will address the issue)*

The Department of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities **Single Homelessness Accommodation Programme (SHAP)** provides a capital and revenue funding stream aimed at increasing the supported housing provision for single people who are homeless and/ or rough sleeping, as well as young people who are care experienced, with medium to high support needs.

The Government has invested £200m in the new Single Homelessness Accommodation Programme to deliver up to 2,400 homes by March 2025, including supported housing. The new accommodation will be aimed at adults experiencing severe multiple disadvantage and specialist accommodation for young people (under 25) who are at risk of, or already experiencing, rough sleeping.

Plymouth City Council, applied for capital and revenue funding, under the SHAP for Young Devon. They are a registered charity working within the young people in the supported housing sector and a subcontractor in the Plymouth Alliance.

Plymouth City Council have been successful in securing £296,131 in capital funding to acquire and refurbish one house with the aim of providing 4 bedspaces for young people who are homeless, or at risk of homelessness with medium to high support needs

A three-year revenue award of £303,645 will provide an intensive support service to the four young people

The house has been acquired and is being refurbished.

STRATEGIC CASE: *(How will this proposal meet corporate priorities? Explain how the project delivers or supports delivery of Plymouth Plan / Joint Local Plan Policies (including policy references)*

Significant action is required to meet the homelessness and temporary accommodation demand and reduce budgetary pressures. Rates of young people with medium to high support needs who are homeless or at risk of homelessness is increasing.

Young Devon proposes to utilise the awarded capital and revenue grant as well as their own loan finance to fund the acquisition and refurbishment costs. There is also three-year revenue funding to deliver the following service to those living in this property.

- Youth Workers will support on an individual and group basis with personalised packages of support including therapeutic support. Average packages of support would cover 16 hours per week per person to meet the needs of young people.
- There will be 24/7 on call.
- Learning from the Mockingbird model Young Devon will pilot a “stay close approach”, offering additional support from existing host families, offering respite, increased nurture and more “family feel” support, when required. Youth work coaches and Hosts would also deliver regular weekend activities and support to individuals and groups.

This service directly and positively addresses the budget pressures faced by the Council as well as improving the health and wellbeing outcomes for young people in this cohort by providing them with specialist supported accommodation until they move on to a longer-term accommodation.

OUTCOMES AND BENEFITS: *(List the outcomes and benefits expected from this project)*

Financial outcomes and benefits:	Non-financial outcomes and benefits:
<p>This service will increase the supported housing provision for young people with medium to high support needs who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. This will lower the number of individuals being placed in B&B under a statutory homelessness duty</p>	<p>Young people will have access to specialist supported accommodation which aims to meet their needs and reduce levels of homelessness and rough sleeping in the City.</p>

KEY RISKS: *(Identify the risks, level of risks and measures in place to mitigate the risks)*

There are minimal risks to PCC as we are not delivering the projects. This house has been acquired and is being refurbished by Young Devon, ahead of the March 2025 deadline. The Department of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities will withhold 5% of the capital grant and may reduce the revenue award in line with when the properties are ready to be let.

- PCC will co-ordinate the reporting to DLUHC

- Young Devon is fully responsible for any risks and liabilities that arise from this project

The risk element in receiving the grant is low:

It is 100% externally funded and as such there is no impact on existing PCC budgets

The money will be paid to Young Devon on completion of a funding agreement with the Council which will for a period of 30 years require Young Devon to:

- Require them to use the money only for the approved purpose of homelessness accommodation
- Insure and maintain the property
- Not dispose of the property without the Council's consent
- Keep records of expenditure and provide copies to the Council on request

The restriction on disposal will be protected by a restriction on the registered title to the property.

MILESTONES AND DATES: *(delivery timescales)*

The funds are to be awarded as soon as possible and the projects will be complete by 31st March 2025. It is forecast that 100% of the capital grant will be released in 2024/25. The revenue grant will be paid in annual tranches (2024- 2028)

FUNDING: *(Include : PCC accountable body status, passporting funding to the provider, who is responsible for delivery, back to back funding agreement, ongoing PCC revenue implications)*

PCC will co-ordinate the data and financial reporting to the Department of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities. Young Devon will provide quarterly reports and evidence the eligible spend has occurred.

Young Devon will receive £296,131 of capital grant funding towards the acquisition and refurbishment costs. They will contribute £174,486 of their own funds to acquire, refurbish and set up these properties.

The three-year revenue award to fund the support service will be transferred to Young Devon through the Plymouth Alliance

Reviewed by Revenue Accountant): Nathan Franklin

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Leader of the Council:

- Accepts the capital and revenue grant from the Department of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities;
- Grants authority to the S151 Officer to sign the Memorandum of Understanding with DLUHC
- Allocates £296,851 for the project into the Capital Programme funded by the DLUHC Single Homelessness Accommodation Programme (SHAP)
- Approves the transfer of the funds to Young Devon, including the SHAP Revenue funding of £303,645; such monies to be transferred to Young Devon via a Contract Variation to their Sub-Contract under the Complex Lives Alliance Contract PEO/16175