EXECUTIVE DECISION

made by a Council Officer

PLYMOUTH CITY COUNCIL

REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY BY AN INDIVIDUAL COUNCIL OFFICER

Executive Decision Reference Number – COD24 24/25

Decision	
1	**Title of decision:** Variation number 57 of contract PEO 16175 to allow for payment of RSI (Rough Sleeping Initiative) Funding for 2024 -2025, plus Variation number 59 and 65 to allow for payment of SHAP (Single Homelessness Accommodation Programme) Funding for 2024-2025
2	**Decision maker:** Gary Walbridge (Strategic Director for Adults, Health and Communities)
3	**Report author and contact details:** Dominique Slaney (Senior Commissioning Officer) Dominique.slaney@plymouth.gov.uk
4a	**Decision to be taken:** 1. To vary contract **PEO 16175** to allow for payment of **£1,106,851** RSI (Rough Sleeping Initiative) grant allocation for 2024 – 2025. 2. To vary contract **PEO 16175** to allow for onward payment of **£1,274,587** SHAP (Single Homelessness Accommodation Programme) grant funding from the Department of Levelling Up Housing & Communities (DLUHC) (now the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG)) allocation for 2024 -2028.
4b	**Reference number of original executive decision or date of original committee meeting where delegation was made:** The Cabinet decision on 11 March 2024 confirmed that the award of future contract variations up to the value of £3 million per variation, as a result of Grant funding (including, but not limited to, RSI and SSMTRG) within the period of the contract be delegated to the Strategic Director in consultation and agreement with the Cabinet Member for Housing, Cooperative Development and Communities and the Cabinet Member for Health and Adult Social Care.
5	**Reasons for decision:** A contract variation is required to extend the core contract and to ensure that the services funded by the Rough Sleeping Initiative (RSI5) 2024-2025 allocation are provided in line with the Rough Sleeping Plan submitted to DLUHC. In addition Alliance partners and PCC were successful in bids to the SHAP programme and were awarded both Capital and Revenue funding under this programme. This proposal seeks to further passport the SHAP revenue funding awarded as a result of those successful bids, to the Alliance partners responsible for the delivery of the services. This proposal will ensure that, during this key time of strategic development and in the pandemic recovery, support to people experiencing homelessness and / or Rough Sleeping can

	continue to be delivered and expanded upon from both a best for people and commissioning perspective to continue delivering positive outcomes for Plymouth residents.
6	**Alternative options considered and rejected:** **Allow the Contract Extension and Variations for a lesser sum-** This option would not allow the services to be delivered that were described in our Rough Sleeping Plan submitted to the Department of Levelling Up Housing & Communities (DLUHC), nor our bids under the Single Homelessness Accommodation Programme. This would require unspent allocated funds to be returned to DLUHC. Services are already being delivered under the RSI funding streams for 24/25 as this funding continues service delivery for a further one year period. **Do not extend or vary the contract-** It is inappropriate to undergo a new procurement process to start a new contract for delivery of services of this level of complexity in this current financial year given that the funds allocated for 2024/25 must be spent by 31 March 2025. In addition, the funding available relates to funding plans agreed by DLUHC which specify the existing provider partners who have been delivering Rough Sleeping Services under this grant funding stream and funding award to partners as a result of successful bids to the Single Homelessness Accommodation Programme in which the partners are the named provider and co-bidder. This option would therefore result in the inability of Plymouth City Council to meet its statutory duty to take appropriate steps to address the needs of people experiencing / or at risk of homelessness and to deliver the projects funded under the successful SHAP bids.
7	**Financial implications and risks:** The current core contract value of the Complex Needs Alliance Contract is - £6,308,747 / annum of which £3,528,281 comes from the Public Health Budget (Office of the Director of Public Health); the remaining balance comes from Strategic Co-operative Commissioning and Community Connections. Since the original contract was awarded in 2019, sources of additional grant funding have become available and this has meant that the budget for the service has fluctuated to reflect this. For the purpose of this paper relevant examples are: Under the Rough Sleeping Initiative (RSI5) funding stream, **£1,106,851** has been allocated to delivery partners within the Plymouth Alliance, for the financial year 24/25; This grant is to support the services described in the Rough Sleeping Plan. Allocations for 24 25 have received departmental and HM Treasury approvals (via DLUHC now the MHCLG). This grant is for continued Rough Sleeping Services, and is dependent on the Council maintaining existing investment in local council (20/21) investment inRough Sleeping Services. The core budget for the Alliance is built into the Council's MTFP and reviewed regularly as part of this process to ensure that key objectives are being met. Additional projects are agreed as and when grant funding becomes available, for the duration of that funding. The money provided under the RSI funding stream is ringfenced allocated funding there is no additional risk to core budget. As mentioned above, Plymouth City Council, alongside Alliance partners, was successful in a number of bids to the Single Homelessness Accommodation Programme in 2023. This

	programme provides both capital and revenue funding for additional single accommodation provision across the city. Funding was awarded to Young Devon for an additional 51 accommodation units for young people, to PATH for 12 additional accommodation units for Rough Sleepers and to PCC via BCHA for 10 units of single accessible accommodation. Revenue funding has been allocated to these providers in order to provide the staffing necessary for these additional supported accommodation placements. (The Capital Funding has been dealt with via an alternative Cabinet process). The Revenue Funding awared to these providers under the successful SHAP bids amounts to **£1,274,587** for the period 01 April 24 – 31 March 28. The money provided under the SHAP funding stream is ringfenced allocated funding there is no additional risk to core budget.			
8	**Is the decision a Key Decision?** **(please contact Democratic Support for further advice)**	**Yes**	**No**	**Per the Constitution, a key decision is one which:**
			X	in the case of **capital** projects and contract awards, results in a new commitment to spend and/or save in excess of **£3million** in total
		X		in the case of **revenue** projects when the decision involves entering into new commitments and/or making new savings in excess of **£1million**
			X	is **significant** in terms of its effect on communities living or working in an area comprising **two or more** wards in the area of the local authority.
8b	**If yes, date of publication of the notice in the Forward Plan of Key Decisions**	19/03/2024		
9	**Please specify how this decision is linked to the Council's corporate plan/Plymouth Plan and/or the policy framework and/or the revenue/capital budget:**	This proposal relates to the following parts of the Corporate Plan and Plymouth Plan: Corporate Plan – Keeping adults, children and communities safe. Plymouth Plan – linked to a Welcoming City and a Healthy City, through addressing health inequalities and long-term health conditions, ensuring people feel safe and have the home they need.		
10	**Please specify any direct environmental implications of the decision (carbon impact)**	The services within the Alliance are delivered in Plymouth and aim to ensure that those using them can receive the help they need as close to home as possible, to minimise the need for any unnecessary travel. The project has been assessed to have neutral Environmental and Climate Impact.		

Urgent decisions				
11	**Is the decision urgent and to be implemented immediately in the interests of the Council or the public?**	**Yes**		(If yes, please contact Democratic Support for advice)
		No	**X**	(If no, go to section 13a)
12a	**Reason for urgency:**			
12b	**Scrutiny Chair signature:**		**Date**	
	Scrutiny Committee name:			
	Print Name:			

Consultation				
13a	**Which Cabinet Member's portfolio does this decision relate to?**	Councillor Chris Penberthy (Cabinet Member for Housing, Cooperative Development and Communities) Councillor Mary Aspinall (Cabinet Member for Health and Adult Social Care)		
13b	**Date Cabinet Member consulted**	09 October 2024		
13c	**Are any other Cabinet members' portfolios affected by the decision?**	**Yes**		
		No	**X**	(If no go to section 14)
13d	**Which other Cabinet member's portfolio is affected by the decision?**	N/A		
13e	**Date other Cabinet member(s) consulted**	N/A		
14	**Has any Cabinet member declared a conflict of interest in relation to the decision?**	**Yes**		If yes, please discuss with the Monitoring Officer
		No	**X**	
15	**Which Corporate Management Team member has been consulted?**	**Name**		Gary Walbridge
		Job title		Strategic Director for Health, Adults and Communities
		Date consulted		26/03/2025

Sign-off			
16	**Sign off codes from the relevant departments consulted:**	**Democratic Support (mandatory)**	JS108 24/25

		Finance (mandatory)	HS 24.25.19
		Legal (mandatory)	LS / 2881 / KT / 6924
		Human Resources (if applicable)	N/A
		Corporate property (if applicable)	N/A
		Procurement (if applicable)	DF 001/BY/0924

Appendices

17	**Ref.**	**Title of appendix**
	A	Briefing report for publication
	B	Equalities Impact Assessment
	C	Climate Impact Assessment

Confidential/exempt information

18a	**Do you need to include any confidential/exempt information?**	**Yes**		If yes, prepare a second, confidential ('Part II') briefing report and indicate why it is not for publication by virtue of Part 1of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 by ticking the relevant box in **18b** below.
		No	**X**	

		Exemption Paragraph Number						
		1	**2**	**3**	**4**	**5**	**6**	**7**
18b	**Confidential/exempt briefing report title:**							

Background Papers

19	Please list all unpublished, background papers relevant to the decision in the table below. Background papers are unpublished works, relied on to a material extent in preparing the report, which disclose facts or matters on which the report or an important part of the work is based. If some/all of the information is confidential, you must indicate why it is not for publication by virtue of Part 1of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 by ticking the relevant box.

Title of background paper(s)	**Exemption Paragraph Number**						
	1	**2**	**3**	**4**	**5**	**6**	**7**
N/A							

Council Officer Signature

20	I agree the decision and confirm that it is not contrary to the Council's policy and budget framework, Corporate Plan or Budget. In taking this decision I have given due regard to the Council's duty to promote equality of opportunity, eliminate unlawful discrimination and promote good relations between

	people who share protected characteristics under the Equalities Act and those who do not. For further details please see the EIA attached.		
Signature		**Date of decision**	26 March 2025
Print Name	Gary Walbridge (Strategic Director for Adults, Health and Communities)		