

## Homelessness PAG meeting - 13 March 2019

### Rough Sleeping Initiative – Bid Update Report

#### Rough-Sleeping Related Bids

We have recently been notified of the outcome of our two rough sleeping related bids.

Our bid to become an Early Adopter was unsuccessful. This bid was submitted by DDC in conjunction with the Dover Outreach Centre, Porchlight and our Community Safety Unit and was for funding to support the local establishment or enhancement of a Rapid Rehousing Pathway for rough sleepers.

However a second round of this funding has recently been released and we are looking to submit a joint bid for the areas in which Porchlight are Prime Contractor for homelessness services – Dover, Canterbury, Thanet and Folkestone & Hythe.

The Supported Lettings and Navigator elements of the bid fit in well with the Coaching model for their Kent Homeless Connect service and they have the management and support structures in place for these as well as further pathways for support to add significant value to a bid. Through a joint approach there would be the ability to look at some added value – for example, another landlord liaison role to cover East Kent.

Our alternative bid, submitted in partnership with Folkestone & Hythe and Thanet Councils for part of the £20 million Private Rented Access Fund was successful. This fund is focused on schemes that will enable better access and sustainment of tenancies for those who are, or are at risk of becoming homeless and rough sleeping. The award for 2018/19 is £63,250 and £308,000 in 19/20.

Dover is the lead authority for this bid and will be agreeing a Memorandum of Understanding with the MHCLG.

A further bid, in conjunction with Folkestone & Hythe Council and Porchlight was recently submitted. This bid is for a total of £179,217.48 and if successful will fund:

1 x FTE Outreach worker (Dover) - £39,608.74

1 x FTE Support Plus worker (Folkestone and Hythe) - £39,608.74

£20,000 access to Private Rented Sector (PRS) Rent Deposit Scheme (RDS) (Dover)

£20,000 access to PRS RDS (Folkestone & Hythe)

1 x FTE Mental Health specialist (Dover and Folkestone & Hythe) - £60,000

Progress reports will be given at future meetings.

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