

## RECORD OF INDIVIDUAL EXECUTIVE DECISION MADE BY A CABINET MEMBER

Decision Maker	Decision Type	Date
<b>Cllr Elaine Taylor, Lead Member for Housing and Licensing</b>	<b>Key Decision</b>	<b>24 August 2023</b>

### Oldham Council and Beam Pilot

#### Decision (s)

#### It is recommended that:

- **Option two is approved**
- **Funding is made available to cover the full cost of the pilot of £80,000**
- **Approval is granted to exempt the Council's Contract Procedure Rules**

<b>Exempt/Confidential Report</b>	<b>Yes</b>  <i>3. Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person, including the Council</i>	
<b>Key Decision</b>	<b>No</b>	

#### Reasons for the decision(s)

The report seeks approval to invest in a pilot initiative with Beam organisation to support delivery of the Council's Homelessness Prevention and Reduction Strategy 2021-2026. The pilot initiative adopts an innovative 'invest to save' approach that that will support the Council's strategic objectives and boost homelessness Prevention and Relief activities. The pilot proposes to work



intensely with designated households to speed up successful move on and minimise time spent in temporary accommodation.

In addition, approval is also requested to exempt the Council's Contract Procedure Rules in order to make a direct contract to Beam

### **Options/Alternatives considered**

#### Option One – Do not exempt Contract Procedure Rules and proceed with a pilot initiative with Beam

Taking this approach would essentially keep the status quo. It would also represent a missed opportunity to receive additional grant funding to deliver existing activities as part of the Council's statutory functions and strategic objectives.

#### Option Two – Provide funding to support the rollout of a pilot initiative with Beam in Oldham and exempt the Contract Procedure Rules to enable direct contract award to be made

The proposed pilot draws clear synergy with Council's Homelessness Prevention and Reduction Strategy by increasing homelessness Prevention and Relief activities. Although the quantitative outcomes are modest in comparison to the level of investment, the benefits however, are far reaching. They intrinsically have a positive impact on the lives of Oldham residents, whilst also promoting independence and health and wellbeing outcomes by successfully shortening the time households spend in TA.

### **Conflict of Interest declared**

N/A

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**(Cllr Elaine Taylor, Cabinet Member for Housing & Licensing)**

### **In consultation with**

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**(Anne Ryans, Director of Finance)**

### **Decision made pursuant to:**

- a) Delegation to Cabinet Member under the Council's scheme of delegation. Non Key Decision with a contract value up to £100k**