

**GREATER MANCHESTER PLANNING AND HOUSING COMMISSION**

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Subject: A Bed Every Night

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**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

This report provides an update on work undertaken on the emergency rough sleeper programme 'A Bed Every Night' (ABEN).

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

Members are asked to:

- note the update provided;
- note that a report will be taken to Greater Manchester Combined Authority on 27 March 2020 to confirm the funding envelope for Phase 3 and detail the contributions necessary to achieve this

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## 1.0 UPDATED PROGRESS SNAPSHOT



## 2.0 PHASE 3 DEVELOPMENT

2.1 As well as providing an invaluable source of accommodation and move on support to over 3000 people, ABEN has supported a 37% reduction in rough sleeping across Greater Manchester over the last 2 years.

2.2 The A Bed Every Night Interim Report 2020 demonstrates key areas of benefit in the current service and highlights scope for continued improvement. This has informed development focus on the following key areas:

- Consistency and quality assurance; access, accommodation, support and move on options are consistent across GM at a high level, and customers and stakeholders can be clear on what to expect from the service
- Place based integration with existing support infrastructure; wider support from public and community organisations is embedded effectively to promote recovery and re-connection
- Specific cohort based accommodation and support; for those with No Recourse to Public Services, multiple and complex needs, young people and women

- Enhanced health support pathways; maximising referral and access into specialist health support (e.g. Chapman Barker Unit<sup>1</sup>)
  - Integrated data and reporting regime; aligning A Bed Every Night data regime with existing systems to enhance quality and impact of data
- 2.3 Development meetings with Local Authorities have taken place to scope the opportunities for development within these areas and to shape a new specification and commissioning process.
- 2.4 Wider consultation will be carried out with key stakeholders over the course of the next month to finalise the specification, and lead into the commissioning process from April 2020.

### **3.0 INVESTMENT PHASE**

- 3.1 Since its inception ABEN has benefited from a joint investment approach that recognises an urgent humanitarian crisis. It is expected that Phase 3, from July 2020 to June 2021, will require a £6m envelope. Investment conversations are ongoing with key stakeholders to secure this.
- 3.2 It should be noted that GMCA may receive monies through a range of additional identified funding streams over the period of Phase 3:
- MHCLG Winter Provision: GMCA is already in dialogue with MHCLG regarding the annual Cold Weather Fund. GMCA will be seeking an overall GM allocation to invest into ABEN (as the GM approach to Severe and Emergency Weather Provision).
  - Government Spending Review: GMCA has consistently communicated to Centre Government departments that additional funding is needed for ABEN and that a match funded national contribution is required to enable Greater Manchester to end rough sleeping as per Government targets.
- 3.3 A report will be taken to Greater Manchester Combined Authority on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2020 to confirm the funding envelope for Phase 3 and detail the contributions necessary to achieve this.

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<sup>1</sup> Chapman Barker Unit is a Tier 4 Alcohol and Substance Misuse detox provision – work is ongoing to secure a referral pathway from ABEN and Housing First into this provision.