RENEWAL RECREATION AND HOUSING POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

4 OCTOBER 2022

ITEM 8A: BUDGET MONITORING 2022/23 (FSD22066) - SUPPLEMENTARY RECOMMENDATION

2.2   The Renewal, Recreation and Housing Portfolio Holder is requested to:

iii) Recommend that Executive agree the release of funds from the Central Contingency as set out in section 3.4.

3.4   REQUESTS FOR DRAWDOWNS FROM CENTRAL CONTINGENCY

3.4.1   Rough Sleeping Initiative Grant – Dr £455k & Cr £455k

The Council receives grant funding from the Department of Levelling Up, Homes and Communities (DLUHC) to enable it to undertake work with vulnerable groups, including rough sleepers and ex-offenders. Following a bid round, the Rough Sleepers Initiative (RSI) funding has been allocated to each local authority on an annual basis, however on this occasion the overall initiatives and project work has been agreed for a 3 year period. The funding is ring fixed to the Housing Options Service and will be spent on initiatives, resources and staffing as detailed in the table below:

	£
Employment support officer (ETE)	34,968
Project Support Officer (ex-offenders) (Ex-AFEO)	53,550
Rough Sleeping Team (Co-ordinator, and support workers)	121,260
Private Rented Sector Incentives	80,000
Personalisation Fund	4,000
Flexible Surge Funding	112,500
Temporary Accommodation and Resettlement Worker (6 months)	20,980
Private Rented Sector Officer (6 months)	20,980
Tenancy Sustainment fund	7,000
Total	**455,238**

3.4.2   Accommodation for Ex-Offenders Grant – Dr £70k & Cr £70k

DLUHC has also further funded the Accommodation for Ex Offenders (AFEO) Scheme for a further six months (1 April 2022 – 30 September 2022), awarding the amount of £70,000 for the role of a Project Support Officer and deposits for securing private rented sector accommodation for ex-offenders. Within the bid submission for RSI-5 funding, Bromley requested and successfully received an additional amount £53,550 for the AFEO Scheme, and this amount was granted for 1 October 2022 – 31 March 2023, and is included in the table above.