



ORIGINATOR: Dr Gavin Thompson - Director Policy, Commissioning and Communications

DECISION NO. 03/2023

SUMMARY:

The Foundations Service was introduced at the height of the Covid 19 pandemic and supports people leaving prison, that are at high risk of homelessness for several reasons, to find and stay in the right accommodation. This can reduce the risk of re-offending by 20% and support improvements in physical and mental health.

The service has been developed through a collaboration between the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCCN), Norwich City Council, Probation Service and Broadland Housing, with each making a specific and complimentary funding commitment...

- OPCCN/Probation: provision of person-centred support through St Martin's Housing Trust.
- Norwich City Council: provision of properties utilising right to buy receipts.
- Broadland Housing: Property Management.

In order to continue with the innovative partnership, to continue to provide person centred support and enable a full evaluation of impact working in a socially unrestrictive environment, the person-centred support will be funded for a further twelve-month period, through a grant to St Martin's Housing Trust.

If the service continues after this funding period, an open competitive award process will be undertaken.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the PCC for Norfolk supports the allocation of funding to St Martin's Housing Trust to provide person-centred support to prison leavers in Norfolk.

OUTCOME/APPROVAL BY: ~~PCC/CHIEF EXECUTIVE/CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER~~ (Delete as appropriate)

The recommendations as outlined above are approved.

G. Am-Enelli

Signature

Date: 16/01/23

DETAIL OF THE SUBMISSION

1. OBJECTIVE:

- 1.1 To approve funding to continue to fund St Martin's Housing Trust to provide person centred support through the Foundations service.

2. BACKGROUND:

- 2.1 The Foundations Service was introduced at the height of the Covid 19 pandemic and supports people leaving prison, that are at high risk of homelessness for a number of reasons, to find and stay in the right accommodation. This can reduce the risk of re-offending by 20% and support improvements in physical and mental health.
- 2.2 The service has been developed through a collaboration between the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCCN), Norwich City Council, Probation Service and Broadland Housing, with each making a specific and complimentary funding commitment...
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3. AREAS FOR CONSIDERATION:

- 3.1 The need for enhanced referral pathways to accommodation, assisted by person centred support, continues and is a key plank of the PCC's commitment to reducing offending in Norfolk, as set out in the Police and Crime Plan; and due to strong evidence base that demonstrates the importance of accommodation
- 3.2 The key deliverables, against which the service will continue to be monitored are...
- Management of a caseload of around 15 clients at any one time.
 - Development of an understanding of client's needs and co-developing a response to meeting these beyond the constraints of statutory homeless processes.
 - Advocacy on the behalf of clients.
 - Support with tenancy and life skills, including financial planning.

- Support clients in accessing the appropriate mental, physical and emotional care needed.
- Access to accommodation/accommodation needs met.
- Clients accessing/engaging with support services based on agreed needs.
- Longevity of accommodation tenure.
- Personal stability and health and wellbeing.
- Achievement of wider life goals, including social activity, training and employment.
- Long-term desistance from crime.

4. OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED:

- 4.1 Not funding the scheme – this option has been rejected due to the limits of provision within national contracts and the impact on the wider delivery partnership.

5. STRATEGIC AIMS/OBJECTIVE SUPPORTED:

- 5.1 This project supports the PCC's Police and Crime Plan 2021-2024 and the strategic aims of prevention of offending.

6. FINANCIAL AND OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

- 6.1 A total of £54,218 will be provided over a 12-month period.
- 6.2 Fifty per cent of the total funding will be provided by the Probation Service to the OPCCN through a separate agreement.

Financial Year Breakdown	2022/2023 - 2023/-2024
Grant Amount	£54,218

7. OTHER IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS:

- 7.1 None

ORIGINATOR CHECKLIST (MUST BE COMPLETED)**PLEASE STATE
'YES' OR 'NO'**

Has legal advice been sought on this submission?

No

Has the PCC's Chief Finance Officer been consulted?

Yes

Have equality, diversity and human rights implications been considered including equality analysis, as appropriate?

Yes

Have human resource implications been considered?

Yes

Is the recommendation consistent with the objectives in the Police and Crime Plan?

Yes

Has consultation been undertaken with people or agencies likely to be affected by the recommendation?

Yes

Has communications advice been sought on areas of likely media interest and how they might be managed?

Yes

In relation to the above, have all relevant issues been highlighted in the 'other implications and risks' section of the submission?

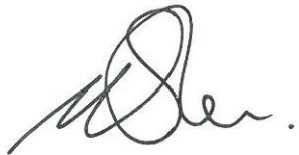
Yes

APPROVAL TO SUBMIT TO THE DECISION-MAKER (this approval is required only for submissions to the PCC).

Chief Executive

I am satisfied that relevant advice has been taken into account in the preparation of the report, that the recommendations have been reviewed and that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the PCC.

Signature:



Date: 16/01/23

Chief Finance Officer (Section 151 Officer)

I certify that:

- a) there are no financial consequences as a result of this decision,
OR
- b) the costs identified in this report can be met from existing revenue or capital budgets,
OR
- c) the costs identified in this report can be financed from reserves
AND
- d) the decision can be taken on the basis of my assurance that Financial Regulations have been complied with.

Signature:



Date: 16/01/23

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