



Subject: ST MARTINS HOUSING TRUST – Continuation Funding

Originator: Stephanie Stearman

Decision no. 11/2024

Reason for submission: For Decision

Submitted to: Giles Orpen-Smellie – Police and Crime Commissioner for Norfolk (PCC)

Summary:

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 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.
2. The service has been developed through a collaboration between the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCCN), Norwich City Council, His Majesty's Prison and Probation Service (HMPPS) and Broadland Housing, with each making a specific and complimentary funding commitment...
 - a. OPCCN/HMPPS: Provision of person-centred support through St Martins Housing Trust
 - b. Norwich City Council: Provision of properties utilising right to buy receipts
 - c. Broadland Housing: Property Management
3. 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

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
(Delete as appropriate)

The recommendations as outlined above are approved.

Signature: 

Date: 12/02/2024

Detail of the submission

1. Objective:

- 1.1 To approve funding to continue to fund St Martins 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, His Majesty's Prison and Probation Service (HMPPS) 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 a stringent 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 providing within national contracts and the impact on the wider delivery partnership.

5. Strategic aims/objective supported:

5.1 The PCC has a statutory obligation to set out Police and Crime objectives through the Police, Crime and Community Safety Plan 2022-2024. The PCC's six priorities fall into the following categories each with detailed objectives in the plan:

- Sustain Norfolk Constabulary
- Visible and Trusted Policing
- Tackling Crime
- Prevent Offending
- Support Victims
- Safe and Stronger Communities

5.2 This Grant will support two of these pillars: Preventing Offending and Safe and Stronger Communities.

6. Financial and other resource implications:

6.1 The Award to St Martins Housing Trust is £70,621

6.2 The Award is jointly funded by HMPPS and the OPCCN's core commissioning budget. Both partners contributed 50% each to the overall award.

6.3 Payments will be made quarterly in advance to St Martins Housing Trust.

6.4 Funding Table below

FUNDING	2023-2024
	30th October 2023- 29th October July 24
HMPPS contribution	£35,310.50
OPCCN contribution	£35,310.50
TOTAL PROJECT FUNDING	£70,621

7. Carbon Emissions and Other Environmental Implications:

Carbon Emissions

7.1 The estimated impact on our carbon emissions that must be reported under current statute from this proposal is:

Emission Categories:	Increase in tCO ₂	Saving in tCO ₂
Scope 1 – Fuel – Building Heating	0	0
Scope 1 – Fuel – Transport	0	0
Scope 2 – Electricity	0	0

Environmental Implications

7.2 No material implications

8. Other implications and risks:

8.1 There are no foreseen major implications or risks associated with this decision at this time.

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
Have sustainability and environmental factors been considered? (e.g. biodiversity, employee commuting, business travel, waste and recycling, water, air quality, food and catering and estates construction)	YES
In relation to the above, have all relevant issues been highlighted in the 'other implications and risks' section of the submission?	YES

Is this report a Confidential Decision?

NO

If Yes, please state reasons below having referred to the [PCC Decision Making Policy](#)

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: 12/02/2024

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: 12/02/2024

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