

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

**ASSET MANAGEMENT, CULTURE AND HOUSING
CABINET MEMBER**

NO SECOND NIGHT OUT INITIATIVE

1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT

- 1.1 To provide the Cabinet Member with information related to the 'No Second Night Out' initiative.
- 1.2 To present options regarding the 'No Second Night Out' Initiative.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 'No Second Night Out' (NSNO) is a government led initiative aimed at reducing rough sleeping. The scheme aims to ensure that no new rough sleeper spends a second night sleeping on the street. In so doing it aims to stop them becoming entrenched in the rough sleeping culture.
- 2.2 This initiative began in London in 2011 (before the Olympics). It has now been rolled out across the country.
- 2.3 The government are currently preparing a 'heat map' for publication showing those local authorities that have formally adopted the NSNO initiative (green), those authorities that are seriously considering adopting a formal NSNO plan (orange) and those authorities that are not planning to do anything in regard to NSNO (red). Currently, North Lincolnshire will show as orange on the heat map as we consider whether to adopt a formal NSNO plan.

3. OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

- 3.1 Option one - To carry out further analysis of the benefits of adopting a formal NSNO policy.
- 3.2 Option two - To continue to operate as we are, giving advice and assistance wherever possible to those who present to us as sleeping rough, even when they are non-priority but without formally adopting a NSNO policy.

4. ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS

- 4.1 Option One - Adopting a NSNO policy will require a formal partnership with the voluntary sector, and preferably with a partner with the necessary experience and resources. Successful NSNO's operating elsewhere have this partnership agreement together with an assertive outreach worker. The Forge last year had a funding bid turned down by central government for an assertive outreach worker. There are currently no assertive outreach workers operating in North Lincolnshire.
- 4.2 Option two – Not adopting a formal NSNO policy would mean that at best North Lincolnshire will remain orange on the heat map with little chance of becoming green. This will put us behind some other local authorities, including neighbouring councils. In all likelihood, even without a formal adoption, there will continue to be some rough sleepers within the area.

5. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCIAL, STAFFING, PROPERTY, IT)

- 5.1. There are no resource implications relating to the proposed further analysis.
- 5.2 If we decide to adopt a NSNO policy, annual bed and breakfast and other relocation costs for the council may increase by around £6,000. The voluntary sector partner would employ the Assertive Outreach Worker.

6. OUTCOMES OF INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT (IF APPLICABLE)

- 6.1 An Integrated Impact Assessment will be prepared as part of the detailed analysis.

7. OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION AND CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS DECLARED

- 7.1 No consultation has taken place so far. If the Cabinet Member approves option 1, detailed consultation with external partners and the third sector will be required.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 8.1 To approve option 1 and to undertake further analysis of the benefits of adopting a formal No Second Night Out policy, following consultation with neighbouring authorities to consider progressing the matter further.
- 8.2 To present a further report on this matter to the Cabinet Member to consider at the next meeting.

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