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Subject	Provision of Temporary Accommodation to Rough Sleepers during nationwide lockdown November/December 2020		
Decision			
including:			
(a) details:	a) Approve the exercise of the Council's powers under s1 of The Localism Act 2011 and provide temporary accommodation to all persons that are rough sleeping during the period of national lockdown (currently 4 th November until the 4 th December 2020).		
(b) reasons:	b) Under the homeless legislation, the Council has a duty to provide temporary accommodation to homeless persons that are deemed to be in priority need. Unfortunately, not all rough sleepers will be found to meet this criteria, and at this particular point in time, if they remain on the streets they are at increased risk of contracting Covid-19.		
	In the first lockdown, the Government announced the "Everyone In" initiative which recognised the need to act urgently to support people off the streets and into self-contained accommodation to protect them from Covid. There are calls from various national homeless charities for the government to reintroduce "Everyone In" for the second lockdown but this has not as yet happened.		
	Despite the absence of a national initiative, it would seem prudent for the Council to provide temporary accommodation to all rough sleepers to prevent deaths and the spread of COVID-19 and ensure that people receive support to meet their other health and wellbeing needs as the pandemic continues.		
(c) alternatives considered and rejected:	The alternative is to adhere to the homeless legislation and only accommodate households that are in priority need. This could create serious health impacts on the rough sleeping population and for that reason it is recommended that this approach is rejected.		
Delegated Authority	Scheme of Delegation to Officers (General Conditions) To take any action necessary, including incurring expenditure, in the event of an emergency or disaster in Craven		
Name of those consulted (date, method)	Leader, Deputy Leader	4 Nov Email	

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Documents (where can relevant documents be located)	None	
Background Papers	None	
Declaration of Conflict of Interest	None	
Decision Maker	Paul Shevlin (H. W.Z.)	Role Title Chief Executive
Date Of Decision	9.11.20-	
Date decision notified to relevant Officer (where required)		