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# Report

**Subject** : Funding for Move-on Accommodation  
**Report to** : The Cabinet  
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**Cabinet Member for Housing:** Councillor Ian Tomes

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### 1. Purpose:

Salisbury Trust for the Homeless (STFH) has submitted a proposal to the council to purchase two properties to provide additional move-on accommodation for single homeless people. To deliver these homes STFH is seeking a total capital grant of £200,000.

### 2. Introduction:

In May 2006 Cabinet agreed to ring fence resources for projects that would support improved services to homeless people. To date £300,000 has been spent on supporting the purchase of three houses for move-on accommodation and a further £500,000 remains allocated to the remodelling of Damascus House. Within the Affordable Housing Capital budget there is currently an unallocated balance of £78,000.

### 3. Analysis of need:

The council has in place monthly monitoring of the number of single people requiring move-on or low support accommodation. Currently there is an ongoing need to provide additional bed spaces in order to support the best use of high support units such as Damascus House.

Whilst there has been some increase in the number of move-on units, one of the greatest areas of demand for accommodation is from vulnerable single people. Over the last eleven months the council has, through the SHOOTS panel, enabled 45 people to have been supported in to low support or independent accommodation; now one of the key National Indicators within the LAA.

### 4. Proposal:

STFH proposal will be to purchase two, 4 bedroom houses and use these as low support shared houses. Their proposal is seeking a capital grant of £100,000 per property, a total of £200,000 for two properties. The balance of the costs would be met from a capital investment and a mortgage raised by STFH. This would provide a total on eight bedspaces for move-on accommodation.

The allocation of the council's resources should be in accordance with the terms as agreed by Cabinet on 11 October 2006.



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There are no revenue consequences to the council. STFH shall provide appropriate support to the homes via its contract with Supporting People.

**5. Capital funding:**

The available resource within the affordable housing capital programme is £78,000. To make this up to £100,000, the balance of £22,000 could be taken from the Private Sector Renovation budget. This would permit the council to allocate funds towards the purchase on one property, but at this time there are no additional resources to fund a second property.

**6. Conclusion:**

The allocation of this grant would provide additional much needed move-on accommodation that will:

- Release accommodation in high support units for people who need them most.
- Provide vulnerable single homeless people with the opportunity of living independently yet with continued low-level support.
- Deliver on the recommendation in the Bannan Report.

**7. Recommendation:**

Cabinet are recommended to approve the capital allocation of £100,000 to Salisbury Trust for the Homeless for the provision of one, 4-bedroom houses for move-on accommodation for vulnerable single homeless people. That the grant is allocated in accordance with the terms previously agreed by Cabinet on 11 October 2006.

**8. Implications:**

Financial:	All capital expenditure recommended is contained within the existing Capital Programme for Affordable Housing.
Legal:	The accommodation is required under Part VII of the Housing Act 1996 to provide accommodation for those unintentionally homeless households who are eligible for assistance and in priority need. Payment of grant may be by virtue of the well being powers under the Local Government Act 2000.
Human Rights:	Article 8 [right to respect for private life] does not confer the right to a home.
Personnel:	None in respect of this report
IT	None in respect of this report
Community Safety:	Reducing rough sleeping and hence the fear of crime, supporting improved intervention with people who may have drug and alcohol addictions.
Environmental:	Any construction should achieve Eco-homes standard very good
Council's Core Values	Promoting excellent service, supporting the disadvantaged, being fair and equitable, communicating with the public, wanting to be an open, learning council and a willing partner.
Wards affected:	All
Consultation undertaken	Internal