

**Divisions – N/A**

**DELEGATED DECISIONS BY CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN,  
EDUCATION AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICES**

**11 September 2024**

**SHAP Homelessness Project Withdrawal**

**Report by Director of Children's Services**

**RECOMMENDATION**

The Cabinet Member is **RECOMMENDED** to:

- a) **Acknowledge the Council's position on the application to the Department of Levelling Up Housing and Communities (DLUHC) for the Supported Housing Accommodation Programme (SHAP) for Young People aged 18-25 at Risk of Homelessness, and reasons for withdrawing the service following the key decision paper on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2024.**

**Executive Summary**

1. In 2023 the Department of Levelling Up Housing and Communities (DLUHC) invited Oxfordshire County Council and Oxford City Council to submit a joint bid for a supported accommodation service for young people aged 18-25 who have experienced multiple disadvantage and are at risk of homelessness. This is under their [Supported Housing Accommodation Programme](#) 18-25 year olds (SHAP). Oxfordshire County Council were the lead bidder and worked with a Registered Housing Provider who identified a suitable property to run the service from.
2. Oxfordshire County Council were awarded grant funding of approx. £1.2 m over 3 years to provide supported accommodation for 12 young people with mental health needs at risk of homelessness. However this funding was not drawn down as the housing provider was unable to obtain the necessary Planning Permission to convert the property to supported accommodation.
3. Oxfordshire County Council subsequently identified a different housing provider in April 2024 who sourced a suitable 9 bedded property in Oxford to provide a service to a slightly smaller cohort of young people at risk of homelessness with mental health needs.

4. Unfortunately, during the due diligence stage of the application process the provider could not provide the service within the funding thresholds for both the support and rent elements of the service.
5. Due to the grant requirements of the SHAP scheme all projects were required to go live by April 2025 and, due to the lengthy time it could take to source another suitable property, the Council unfortunately have made the decision to withdraw the application for the SHAP scheme.
6. Young people who could have been supported by the SHAP scheme are able to access the Young Person Supported Housing (YPSA) service, access provision under the 16+ supported housing framework (care leavers only) or access homelessness provision under the homelessness alliance.

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Annex: There are no annexes.

Background papers: There are no background papers.

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