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VIA EMAIL

Dear Bryan

Recommendations from the Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee 12 June 2019

Thank you for forwarding the recommendations from the Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee meeting on 12th June on Housing Related Support as outlined below.

The Committee requests that the Cabinet Member for Adults and Health:

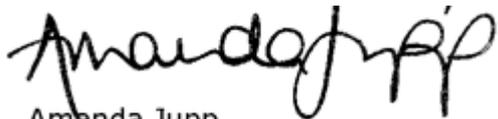
- a) considers a review of the current year's housing related support budget to allow continuation of contracts where necessary, to ensure that alternative funding is found and/or re-design of services is robust.
- b) writes to the Ministry of Justice regarding the concerns raised on Multi-Agency Public Protection Arrangement housing provision for released offenders in support of the Task & Finish Group's correspondence."

I am pleased to report the following in response to your recommendations:

- a) Further to the decision to reduce expenditure on Housing Related Support (HRS) from £6.3 million in 2018/19 to £2.3 million by 2020/21, the Council has been working with its partners from the District and Borough Councils as part of a Task and Finish Group, to identify a way of reducing the Council's spend on HRS whilst ensuring that services are still able to safely meet the needs of vulnerable people. Significant progress has been made in this area. A decision taken by the Executive Director People Services on 1st August 2019 (Ref: OKD13 19/20) will allow for the stabilisation of HRS services, whilst making the necessary savings to the budget.
- b) The Council currently funds Change Grow Live (CGL) to provide accommodation-based support for ex-offenders under its housing related support funding. The Council will continue to fund the service until the end of March 2020. Funding from April until September 2020 has been

agreed across the partnership by the Chief Executives of each District and Borough Councils, as well as the County Council, the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Probation Service to enable sufficient time for a longer-term strategic approach for the support of this cohort to be considered.

Yours sincerely,



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