BEV CRAIG
MAYOR OF GREATER MANCHESTER

(Sent via Email)

24 November 2026

Dear VCFSE leaders,

We look out for each other here. No one in Greater Manchester should be without a safe space to sleep. I am writing to ask for your help this winter to get more people off the streets by offering suitable accommodation for those sleeping rough before Christmas.

In July 2026, the Prime Minister announced a national mission to end rough sleeping, with an accompanying announcement of £442 million investment from Government in accommodation and support. £6.1 million of this has been made immediately available in Greater Manchester.

A Bed Every Night (ABEN) has been changing lives across our city region for some time – so much so that it is the blueprint for the work that the Prime Minister is now rolling out nationally.

By building on our track record, our established partnerships and our commitment to look out for everyone, we want to do more. I want to secure 100 extra beds for people across Greater Manchester before Christmas.

I know there isn't a quick fix. But in the short-term, I want to make sure that **everyone** sleeping rough **in Greater Manchester is offered suitable accommodation and support by Christmas and a route off the streets**.

As leaders of our voluntary, community and faith organisations, you have a part to play in this shared effort. Your organisations already contribute so much to making our city-region a great place for people to thrive, but I need your help to meet this ambition. Homelessness and rough sleeping are societal challenges, and we all have a part to play in supporting those in need.

I am writing to ask whether you have any estates, buildings or assets that could contribute towards my aim of 100 extra beds this Christmas and helping to give someone a route off the streets.

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Please act now: review the accommodation or space your organisation could offer and send an initial indication to us by Thursday 26th November to homelessness@greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk.

We will then be able to work with you through any operational, practical or commercial and funding considerations that you might have.

Share this appeal with others in your network who could help.

Every offer could bring us closer to 100 extra beds before Christmas — and give someone sleeping rough a safe place to stay and a route off the streets. We can turn our shared commitment into action this winter.

Kind regards,



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