

TITLE: Homelessness and Rough Sleeper Strategy

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1.0 Issue

1.1. To consider and approve the Homelessness and Rough Sleeper Strategy

2.0 Recommendations

2.1. Members are requested to approve the Homelessness and Rough Sleeper Strategy

3.0 Background/Options

3.1 Sections one to three of the Homelessness Act 2002 requires all councils to produce a Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy every five years.

3.2 The purpose of the Strategy is to:

- address the causes of homelessness in the Councils area
- introduce initiatives to prevent homelessness wherever possible
- ensure measures are in place for sufficient temporary accommodation for those households that are or may become homeless
- ensure that appropriate support is available for people who have previously experienced homelessness in order to prevent it happening again
- end rough sleeping in the district

4.0 Arguments/Conclusions

4.1 The homelessness and rough sleeper strategy provided at Appendix 1 sets out the Councils strategy and action plan for the next 5 years.

4.2 The Council recognises the devastating effect that homelessness can have on households and families and has a duty to take reasonable steps to make sure accommodation is available for someone who is threatened with homelessness.

4.3 The Code of Guidance that accompanies the homelessness legislation goes further and encourages council to offer a broad range of advice and assistance, beyond the immediate duties to tackle homelessness, which this new strategy aims to do.

5.0 Additional Implications Assessment

5.1 In the table below, please put Yes or No in each box:

Financial Implications no	Legal Implications no	Human Resources (HR) Implications no
Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) no	Carbon Impact Assessment (CIA) no	Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) no

6.0 Appendices

Appendix 1 – Homelessness and Rough Sleeper Strategy

7.0 Background documents