

Homelessness Strategy Delivery Plan

SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report provides the Board an updated version of the Homelessness Strategy – Final Delivery Plan 2015-19.
- 1.2 The Delivery Plan has been revised, following the last meeting when the Board considered the Draft Homelessness Strategy and requested a number of timescales to be confirmed in the Action Plan, along with identification of resources.

RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 To note the revisions made to the Final Delivery Plan 2015-19 and make any further comments or recommendations in relation to the Strategy.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 To ensure that the Board are satisfied with the revisions made to the Final Delivery Plan 2015-19.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 4.1 The new Homelessness Strategy has been drafted over the period July to October 2014, to include a Homelessness Review and a full consultation process with individuals and organisations.
- 4.2 The Strategy sets out 3 broad overarching strategic priorities which will shape future actions:
 - Strategic Priority A: Create and Maintain a City Wide Framework to Promote Effective Partnership Working by all Agencies
 - Strategic Priority B: Maintain and Improve Measures to Prevent Homelessness
 - Strategic Priority C: Help Homeless people Back into Suitable Housing and Provide Support to make this Sustainable.
- 4.3 The new Strategy is due to be adopted by Cabinet in January 2015.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

5.1 None.

This report has been approved by the following officers:

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IMPLICATIONS

Financial and Value for Money

- 1.1 None arising directly from this report. Should any future actions arising out of the finalised strategy result in a recommendation to incur additional costs, a separate report will be presented which will detail the costs and funding arrangements.

Legal

- 2.1 Section 1 of the Homelessness Act 2002 places a duty on local authorities to formulate a homelessness strategy, which is defined by S.3(1) as a strategy for...
- a) Preventing homelessness in the district
 - b) Securing that sufficient accommodation is and will be available for people in the district who are or may become homeless
 - c) Securing the satisfactory provision of support for people in the district...
 - i. who are or may become homeless; or
 - ii. who have been homeless and need support to prevent them becoming homeless again.
- 2.2 There is a duty under S.1(4) to publish a new homelessness strategy within the period of five years beginning with the day on which their last homelessness strategy was published. And, under S.3(8) before adopting or modifying a homelessness strategy, the authority must consult such public or local authorities, voluntary organisations or other persons as they consider appropriate.

Personnel

- 3.1 None arising directly from this report.

IT

- 4.1 The need for working closer with partners includes how we use websites and information systems to provide common information and support to the homeless. Where this requires secure sharing of data between partners, then the details will be subject to further investigation and agreement with the Information Systems department to ensure compliance with relevant information security regulations.

Equalities Impact

- 5.1 The strategy is intended to support all people and families who are or at risk of homelessness and will address particular issues affecting people with protected characteristics. An equalities impact assessment was undertaken in October, the outcome of which has directly resulted in additions to the delivery plan.

Health and Safety

- 6.1 None arising directly from this report.

Environmental Sustainability

- 7.1 None arising directly from this report.

Property and Asset Management

- 8.1 TBC.

Risk Management

- 9.1 None directly arising from this report, but any risks will need to be considered in subsequent phases of proposal/ implementation of the strategy.

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

- 10.1 Reduce homelessness and increase the housing supply.
Fewer homelessness acceptances and a reduction in the number of households living in temporary accommodation. (Derby City Council Plan 2014/15).