

ITEM 8

Communities, Public Protection and Housing Scrutiny Review Board 5 September 2023

Minute Extract

12/23 Total number of people sleeping rough on a single night – including veterans and those with mental health problems

The Board received a report and presentation on Total number of people sleeping rough on a single night – including veterans and those with mental health problems.

The presentation was very detailed and included a rough sleeping snapshot, the challenges, what the Council is doing, data on monthly rough sleeping including year on year comparisons, data on new entrants to rough sleeping, data on people based in B&Bs, data on Derby's single night figures in 2023, data on mental health support needs and data on veterans and homelessness.

The presentation generated considerable discussion and two recommendations were proposed, for consideration by Council Cabinet.

Resolved:

- 1. to note the report;**
- 2. to recommend to Council Cabinet that there should be a social media campaign/press promotion that demonstrates what the Council is doing in relation to rough sleeping and that this should include recognition that there is an offer for every rough sleeper and the importance of using Diverted Giving; and**
- 3. to recommend to Council Cabinet that the services of a designated mental health/substance misuse officer be secured at the earliest opportunity, to work within Housing Options.**

Minutes End