

Consultation process and key elements

1. *Overview and purpose*

A broad-based consultation of stakeholders on the key issues surrounding preventing and tackling homelessness. The objectives were to:

- a) Disseminate information about changes in the extent of homelessness and the demand and resourcing of homelessness services since the last strategy (2010)
- b) Consult on the development of our strategic priorities for the period 2015-2019 and how these can be achieved
- c) Develop on an on-going basis the new draft strategy, concurrent with and being informed by the consultation process and findings. Once developed, circulate the new strategy for further comment and feedback.

2. *Consultees*

- a) Members of the public
- b) Homeless people and those who had previously experienced homelessness
- c) Elected Members
- d) Overview & Scrutiny Board
- e) Housing associations and Derby Homes
- f) Charities & support providers including Derby City Mission
- g) Third sector and voluntary organisations
- h) Health providers
- i) Council departments including City and Neighbourhood Partnerships, Adult Social Care, Childrens and Young People, Resources

3. *Timescale and Major Elements*

The consultation lasted for just over four months, from July 1st to November 4th.

Major elements included:

- a) Consultation events with service provider stakeholders
- b) Consultation workshop and questionnaires with people who have experience of homelessness and homelessness services.
- c) Use of e-media such as council web site (Your City, Your Say), In Touch, iderby
- d) Press release
- e) Presentations at equalities forums
- f) Equalities Impact Assessment

Review of the consultation feedback was on going with the majority of it being completed by early November.

4. *Delivery*

Work was led by the Housing Strategy Team in close liaison with Housing Options & Advice. Support and assistance was provided from other teams, particularly Policy, Research & Engagement, Communications and Business Support.