

Individual Member Decision Record



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Decision Maker:	Councillor Mark Crane, Leader of the Council
Lead Officer:	Janet Waggott, Chief Executive / June Rothwell, Head of Operational Services
Title of Decision:	Approval of the Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy 2020 - 2025
Ward(s) Affected:	All
Type of Decision:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Key decision <input type="checkbox"/> Non key decision discharging (or connected to the discharge of) an Executive function <input type="checkbox"/> Specific delegation from Council or Committee <input type="checkbox"/> Grant of permission / licence <input type="checkbox"/> Affecting the rights of an individual <input type="checkbox"/> Awarding a contract or incurring expenditure which materially affects the financial position of the Council <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Decision under urgency
Details of decision:	<p>The Council's previous Homelessness Strategy ran from 2015 until 2020. However, in August 2018 the Government published a new 'Rough Sleeping Strategy' which sets out its vision to halve rough sleeping by 2022 and end it by 2027. It required all local authorities to review their homelessness strategies by the end of 2019 to include a specific focus on addressing rough sleeping. This provided the Council with an opportunity to refresh our strategy and look for new opportunities to improve our service provision in this area.</p> <p>The proposed strategy includes a number of key priorities which are supported by a range of actions and recognises the</p>

	<p>importance of partnership working.</p> <p>Following the approval of the draft strategy by the Executive on 5 February 2020 a formal consultation with key stakeholders, members of the public, and partners took place. Responses from the consultation were used shape the final Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy. Approval is now sought so the final strategy can be adopted.</p> <p>As the matter is urgent, due to the impact of the Covid-19 lockdown on decision making processes, the following is recommended:</p> <p>That the Leader:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) approves the Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy 2020-2025; and (ii) notes that any legislative changes as a result of the Government reaction to Covid-19 which may affect either our strategic homelessness duty or the delivery of this strategy will be responded to with supplementary homelessness strategy guidance as necessary.
<p>Reason for decision:</p>	<p>In the face of the global pandemic it is essential that the Council can continue to support people who at risk of homelessness or rough sleeping. Adoption of the Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy confirms the Council's commitment to providing support to residents during this viral outbreak, and for the next 5 years.</p>
<p>Alternative options considered and rejected:</p>	<p>None.</p>
<p>Member Interests: <i>(Name of any Member who has declared a conflict of interest in relation to the decision and details of any dispensation granted by the Head of Paid Service if appropriate)</i></p>	<p>None.</p>
<p>Legal, Financial or other implications:</p>	<p>Legal and Financial Implications are set out in the attached report to the Leader of the Council</p>

	<p>The Chairs of the Scrutiny and Policy Review Committees have been consulted on this issue as it is an urgent decision outside of the Budget and Policy Framework. Both Chairs have agreed the urgency of the decision.</p> <p>The Chief Executive has also confirmed that this is urgent and reasonable.</p>
Background papers:	None.
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Signed:	<i>Signature redacted</i> Councillor Mark Crane, Leader of the Council
Date of Decision:	30 April 2020