

Title of meeting: Health and Wellbeing Board

Date of meeting: 5th February 2020

Subject: Homelessness Strategy 2018-2023

Report by: James Hill Director of Housing, Neighbourhood and Building Services

Wards affected: All

Key decision: No

Full Council decision: No

1. Purpose of report

- 1.1 To present the Council's final and approved homelessness strategy for 2018 to 2023, as approved by the Cabinet Member for Housing for the Health and Wellbeing Board to consider how the strategy's action plan will be monitored by the board. .

2. Recommendations

- 2.2 The Head of Housing Needs, Advice and Support updates the Health and Wellbeing Board on progress with the Action Plan on a twice yearly basis.
- 2.3 The HWBB notes the potential for the Homeless Strategy and The Portsmouth City Rough Sleeping Partnership Strategy (2018 - 2020) to be aligned. That will provide the opportunity for the Rough Sleeping multi-agency Partnership Board to have oversight of the local authorities and partners work in relation to the statutory homeless duties and non-statutory homeless duties.

3. Background

- 2.2 The Portsmouth City Council Homelessness Strategy 2018-2023 (**Appendix A**) was approved by the Cabinet Member for Housing on 21st October 2020 and is now published
- 2.3 Part three of the strategy confirms that an action plan is to be agreed and developed by the Health and Wellbeing Board in order to progress the strategy's priorities found in part two.
- 2.4 Part three of the strategy proposes a number of actions that would contribute to the successful delivery of the strategy, many of which are already underway. This list of actions can also be found within the Report to Cabinet Member for Housing Decision Making, dated 21st October 2019 (**Appendix B**).

- 2.5 The strategy advocates a multi-agency approach towards its delivery: one that reaches further than the remit of Housing Needs, Advice and Support (HNAS). The direction of travel to align the two strategies provides the opportunity to consider the governance arrangements.

Nonetheless, insofar as the performance of HNAS is concerned, it does provide quarterly performance reports to the Cabinet Member for Housing. Measures within these reports include the number of homeless applications received per quarter, the number of occasions a threat of homelessness is successfully prevented, and the number of occasions an actual incidence of homelessness is relieved.

The GASC reporting against the corporate priorities also includes homelessness which is a corporate priority.

5. Equality impact assessment

- 5.1 A full Equalities Impact Assessment was already produced in conjunction with the already endorsed strategy. It can be found at **Appendix C**.

6. Legal implications

- 6.1 The City Solicitor has already considered the strategy. Their comments are at section 9 **Appendix B**.

7. Director of Finance's comments

- 7.1 The Director of Finance has already considered this report. Their comments are at section 10 of **Appendix B**.

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Appendices:

- Appendix A - Portsmouth City Council Homelessness Strategy 2018-2023, as approved on 21st October 2019
- Appendix B - Report to Cabinet Member for Housing Decision Making, dated 21st October 2019
- Appendix C - Equality Impact Assessment, dated 18th September 2019

Background list of documents: Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972

The following documents disclose facts or matters, which have been relied upon to a material extent by the author in preparing this report:

Title of document	Location
NIL	

The recommendation(s) set out above were approved/ approved as amended/ deferred/ rejected by on

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