



<b>Form name</b>	Integrated Impact Assessment
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**Policy details**

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<b>Directorate</b>	PCC Housing, Neighbourhood and Building Services
<b>Service</b>	Housing Needs, Advice & Support
<b>Title of policy, service, function</b>	Homelessness Strategy
<b>Type of policy, service, function</b>	New
<b>What is the aim of your policy, service, function, project or strategy?</b>	To set the priorities and actions required in order to reduce homelessness
<b>Has any consultation been undertaken for this proposal?</b>	yes
<b>What were the outcomes of the consultations?</b>	See chapter 10 of strategy
<b>Has anything changed because of the consultation?</b>	Yes - see chapter 10
<b>Please provide details</b>	Further e.g.'s: Services such as the prevention hub must be accessible to those with learning and other disabilities (including location) Also to be mindful of language barriers etc when raising awareness Any changes to the allocations policy to consider accessibility for neurodivergent people and people with learning disabilities
<b>Did this inform your proposal?</b>	yes
<b>Please provide details</b>	As above

**Equality & diversity - will it have any positive/negative impacts on the protected characteristics?**

**With the above in mind and following data analysis, who is the policy, service, function, project or strategy going to benefit or have a detrimental effect on and how?**

The strategy aims to better the experience and housing options of anyone who is homeless or threatened with homelessness.

**Will any of those groups be affected in a different way to others because of your policy, project, service, function, or strategy?**

Successful implementation of the strategy should have a disproportionately positive impact for certain groups of people with protected characteristics, for example: • Preventing more familial evictions would have a positive effect for young people (who disproportionately experience this phenomenon)

- Achieving more successful outcome for those experiencing domestic abuse will have a positive effect for women (who are disproportionately affected by domestic abuse)
- Preventing more homelessness in general and increasing the supply of accommodation that is affordable will improve the rental experience of non-homeowners.
- Targeting specific groups to reduce the likelihood and impact of a negative decisions (such as no priority need or intentional homelessness), e.g. families with children, young people leaving care, those leaving Home Office accommodation should have a positive effect for children, young people, and people of ethnic minority respectively
- Reducing the use of nightly paid and unsuitable temporary accommodation would have a positive effect on those considered priority need which is most commonly families (including children and disproportionate numbers of women) and those with disabilities
- Reviewing the needs (and commissioning options) for specific groups... 1) people who pose a very high risk to staff or members of the public 2) young people with high support needs but who pose a high a risk to other vulnerable young people in a supported housing setting 3) pregnant women assessed as having high support needs or as posing a high risk to others 4) people with high support needs who have experienced domestic abuse 5) people assessed as requiring a controlled drinking requirement

	<p>6) adult couples without children 7) people with neurodiversity-related housing support needs 8) Positive impact on certain currently under-served groups - e.g. young people, pregnant women, domestic abuse victims (disproportionately women), alcohol often linked to mental health</p> <p>... will potentially provide for more suitable accommodation for the affected young people, women, born and unborn children, and people with learning and other disabilities.</p> <p>Implementation of the strategy should be mindful of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Any protocol for closing cases should be mindful of the different contact methods required by some groups (e.g. those with certain disabilities or those to whom English is not their first language)</li><li>• Similarly, any prevention hub should be mindful of ease of access for those with disabilities and other protected characteristics</li><li>• Any review of the allocations policy for social housing should be mindful of any negative impact on homeless applicants. Homeless applicants joining the housing register are usually in priority need, and thus more likely to be families (most commonly including women) or have health problems (including disabilities).</li><li>• Any review of housing and support provision for roughsleepers and those requiring supported housing will need to consider the respective needs of men and women and give consideration to whether the current provision meets the needs of people with disabilities</li></ul>
<p><b>If you are directly or indirectly discriminating, how are you going to mitigate the negative impact?</b></p>	<p>No unlawful discrimination (direct or indirect)</p>

<b>Who have you consulted with or are planning to consult with and what was/will be your consultation methodology?</b>	<p>We had one-to-one conversations with people who had used homeless services in recent months. The conversations were open to allow for free and in-depth answers, topics included: What was good about the help you received? What help did you not get / what would you change about the help you got?</p> <p>We separately consulted with some key partner agencies, where questions centred around: The aims of the existing strategy What has and has not worked well in achieving those aims Suggestions for what is required from a new strategy</p> <p>We then presented the draft strategy for open, city-wide consultation which was advertised on social media and shared directly with key partners and service providers in the city.</p>
<b>How are you going to review the policy, service, project or strategy, how often and who will be responsible?</b>	<p>The strategy will be monitored through various governance arrangements including reporting to Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Community, the council's housing and tackling homelessness portfolio, the Health and Wellbeing Board and oversight from the Rough Sleeping and Homelessness Partnership Group.</p>

**Crime - Will it make our city safer?**

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**Housing - will it provide good quality homes?**

<b>Please expand on the impact your policy/proposal will have, and how you propose to mitigate any negative impacts?</b>	<p>Increasing the supply of good quality accommodation that is affordable for those who are homeless or threatened with homelessness is central to the strategy. The action plan details how it aims to improve the quality of temporary accommodation and supported accommodation and that it aims to increase the supply of accommodation that is affordable.</p>
<b>How are you going to measure/check the impact of your proposal?</b>	<p>By measuring the number of new homes, the number of affordable PRS properties accessed, the increased supply of more appropriate temporary accommodation.</p>

**Health - will this help promote healthy, safe and independent living?**

<b>Please expand on the impact your policy/proposal will have, and how you propose to mitigate any negative impacts?</b>	Reducing homelessness will improve the health of those affected. Links between homelessness and poor physical and mental health are well-established, as is marked reduced life expectancy. Reviewing the quality of accommodation used as temporary accommodation will also help those living in that accommodation make healthier choices (e.g. having the cooking facilities to prepare healthy meals).
<b>How are you going to measure/check the impact of your proposal?</b>	Measure the reduction of homelessness and rough sleeping. Measure the increase of suitable temporary accommodation.

**Income deprivation and poverty - will it consider income deprivation and reduce poverty?**

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**Carbon emissions - will it reduce carbon emissions?**

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**Energy use - will it reduce energy use?**

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**Climate change mitigation and flooding - will it proactively mitigate against a changing climate and flooding?**

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**Natural environment - will it ensure public spaces are greener, more sustainable and well-maintained?**

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**Air quality - will it improve air quality?**

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**Transport - will it make transport more sustainable and safer for the whole community?**

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**Waste management - will it increase recycling and reduce the production of waste?**

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**Culture and heritage - will it promote, protect and enhance our culture and heritage?**

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**Employment and opportunities - will it promote the development of a skilled workforce?**

<b>Please expand on the impact your policy/proposal will have, and how you propose to mitigate any negative impacts?</b>	Homelessness and rough sleeping impacts one's ability to learn and work effectively. It would be expected to therefore have an impact on the local employment.
<b>How are you going to measure/check the impact of your proposal?</b>	Not directly measurable, but a significant reduction in homelessness and/or rough sleeping could reasonably be expected to have a positive effect.

**Economy - will it encourage businesses to invest in the city, support sustainable growth and regeneration?**

<b>Please expand on the impact your policy/proposal will have, and how you propose to mitigate any negative impacts?</b>	Housing impacts health and wellbeing in terms of one's ability to learn and work effectively. It therefore has an impact on the local economy in the long term.
<b>How are you going to measure/check the impact of your proposal?</b>	Not directly measurable, but a reduction in homelessness and rough sleeping would be expected to have an overall positive effect.

## Social value

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## Involvement

<b>Who was involved in the Integrated impact assessment?</b>	Shane Galvin (Housing Policy & Quality Manager) Szczepaniak, Karolina (Equalities and Diversity Officer)
<b>Name of the person completing this form</b>	Shane Galvin
<b>Date of completion</b>	2023-11-02