

CONSULTATION ON THE PROPOSED HILLINGDON HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION AND ROUGH SLEEPING REVIEW AND STRATEGY

Committee name	Social Care, Housing & Public Health
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Papers with report	Cabinet Member report published
Ward	N/A

HEADLINE

To provide views on the proposed Hillingdon Homelessness Prevention and Rough Sleeping Review and Strategy 2019-2024.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee considers the draft review and strategy documents and decides whether to provide any comments to the decision-making Cabinet prior to their approval.

INFORMATION

As part of its monitoring role of forthcoming executive business on the Cabinet Forward Plan, at its meeting on 25 September 2019, the Committee agreed to receive details of the draft Hillingdon Homelessness Prevention and Rough Sleeping Review and Strategy 2019-2024.

These draft policy documents (**attached**) have since been published to the Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Social Services, Housing and Public Health to consider prior to a wider public consultation exercise. Subject to approval to consult, the intention is that these policy documents will then come back to Cabinet for formal approval in December.

This is an opportunity for Committee Members to ask questions and/or provide any comments on the documents, which can be included in the covering Cabinet report in December.

The policy documents set out key challenges in Hillingdon relating to homelessness and rough sleeping and how the Council will work with partner agencies to prevent homelessness where possible and to access suitable accommodation and support homeless households.

Debbie Weller and Mark Billings from Residents Services will attend the Committee meeting to aid Members' consideration on the matter.

Implications on related Council policies

The Homelessness Prevention Strategy will complement the wider Housing Strategy and contribute to the delivery of the Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy and the Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

How this report benefits Hillingdon residents

The Homelessness Prevention Strategy has a direct bearing on the Council's priority of Putting Residents First. It sets out plans for the prevention of homelessness, securing accommodation and support for those who are homeless or at risk of homelessness in Hillingdon

Financial Implications

There are no direct financial implications relating to the recommendation in this report.

Legal Implications

The 2002 Homelessness Act made it a statutory requirement for local authorities to carry out a review of homelessness and to publish a homelessness strategy at least once every five years.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

NIL