

**TO: ADULT SOCIAL CARE AND HOUSING OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL  
15 SEPTEMBER 2015**

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**WORKING GROUP UPDATE REPORT  
Working Group Lead Member**

**1 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 This report sets out the progress achieved to date by the Working Group of the Panel reviewing the Council's Homelessness Strategy.

**2 RECOMMENDATION(S)**

- 2.1 **That the Panel notes the progress achieved to date by its Working Group reviewing the Council's Homelessness Strategy.**

**3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION(S)**

- 3.1 To keep the Panel up to date regarding the activities of its Working Group reviewing the Council's Homelessness Strategy.

**4 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

- 4.1 None.

**5 SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

- 5.1 A Working Group of the Panel, comprising Councillors Mrs Angell (Lead Member), King, Mrs McCracken, Ms Merry, Peacey and Mrs Temperton, was established to contribute to the Council's emerging Homelessness Strategy.
- 5.2 The Working Group has met on one occasion to date. It received an introductory presentation concerning the Homelessness Strategy and two homelessness case studies as examples of scenarios the Council may face when determining the priority need of people presenting as, or being threatened with, homelessness. Members were invited to consider their responses to the cases. The Working Group subsequently attended a meeting of the Homelessness Forum Board owing to its involvement in developing the Homelessness Strategy.
- 5.3 Future work of the Working Group is expected to include visit(s) to some of the homelessness accommodation utilised by the Council, meeting representatives of organisations involved in supporting people with housing and homelessness issues and also consideration of, and contribution to, the draft Homelessness Strategy.

**6 ADVICE RECEIVED FROM STATUTORY AND OTHER OFFICERS / EQUALITIES  
IMPACT ASSESSMENT / STRATEGIC RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES /  
CONSULTATION**

- 6.1 Not applicable.

Background Papers

None.

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