

**TO: ADULT SOCIAL CARE AND HOUSING OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL
19 JANUARY 2016**

**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 draft Homelessness Strategy and invites the Panel to select its next review theme.

2 RECOMMENDATION(S)

- 2.1 **That the Panel notes the progress achieved to date by its Working Group reviewing the Council's draft Homelessness Strategy and selects its next review theme.**

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 draft Homelessness Strategy and to give it an opportunity to choose its next review topic.

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 At its first meeting the Working Group 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 meetings of the Homelessness Forum Board owing to its involvement in developing the Homelessness Strategy, visited some of the homelessness accommodation utilised by the Council and met representatives of organisations involved in supporting people with housing and homelessness issues.
- 5.3 The Working Group completed its work by considering, and contributing to, the draft Homelessness Strategy which has now been agreed by the Executive.
- 5.4 Although the Working Group has completed its remit, it has expressed some interest in continuing to review homelessness and this can be considered for future review work amongst the topics on the Work Programme (see agenda Item 13).

**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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