

Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy 2023 - 2028

Date: 12 October 2023

Report of: Head of Democratic Services

Report to: Scrutiny Board (Environment, Housing & Communities)

Will the decision be open for call in? Yes No

Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? Yes No

Brief summary

In June 2023 the Scrutiny Board received an update on homelessness prevention activity as part of regular performance monitoring.

During this update members sought further information about the development of a new five-year Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy following the completion of a Homelessness Review in January 2023.

In light of the Scrutiny Board's regular monitoring of performance in relation to homelessness prevention, members requested that the new strategy should be brought to a future meeting of the Scrutiny Board for information and consideration.

The Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy 2023 - 2028 was subsequently approved by the Executive Board in July 2023 and is appended to this report along with the Executive Board report which accompanied it.

Recommendations

- a) Members are asked to note and comment upon the content of the appended reports.

What is this report about?

- 1 The appended reports set out the Council's strategy to achieve the city's priority of reducing homelessness and rough sleeping.
- 2 It is a legal requirement for the Council to publish a strategy, informed by a homelessness review, at least every five years.
- 3 The appended Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy 2023 - 2028 is informed by the Homelessness Review conducted in January 2023 and was agreed at Executive Board in July 2023.

What impact will this proposal have?

- 4 The Strategy will provide strategic direction and a framework for the Council and partners to follow with a view to reducing homelessness and rough sleeping in Leeds.

How does this proposal impact the three pillars of the Best City Ambition?

Health and Wellbeing

Inclusive Growth

Zero Carbon

- 5 The ways in which the strategy impacts upon the pillars of the Best City Ambition are set out in the appended report.

What consultation and engagement has taken place?

Wards affected:

Have ward members been consulted?

Yes

No

- 6 The consultation process that informed the development of the strategy is set out in the appended reports.

What are the resource implications?

- 7 The resource implications of the strategy are set out in the appended reports.

What are the key risks and how are they being managed?

- 8 The key risks are set out in the appended reports.

What are the legal implications?

- 9 The legal implications are set out in the appended reports.

Appendices

- Appendix A: Executive Board report 26 July 2023
- Appendix B: Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy 2023 – 2028
- Appendix C: The Equality, Diversity, Cohesion and Integration (EDCI) impact assessment.

Background papers

- None