

POLICY REVIEW AND DEVELOPMENT PANEL REPORT

REPORT TO:	Environment and Community Panel		
DATE:	16 th July 2024		
TITLE:	Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy		
TYPE OF REPORT:	Cabinet Report		
PORTFOLIO(S):	People and Communities		
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OPEN/EXEMPT	Open	WILL BE SUBJECT TO A FUTURE CABINET REPORT:	Yes

REPORT SUMMARY/COVER PAGE

PURPOSE OF REPORT/SUMMARY:
To consider the Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy.
KEY ISSUES:
Members are directed to the attached report for full details of the key issues.
OPTIONS CONSIDERED:
There is no option to consider as under the Homelessness Act 2002, all housing authorities are required by law to produce a Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy once every five years. The approach taken builds on the latest best practice including co-production and engaging with people with lived experience of homelessness. This represents a new way for the preparation of the Strategy.
RECOMMENDATIONS:
That the 2024-2029 Strategy is adopted and that the role of the Environment and Community Panel group - Homelessness and Housing Delivery Task Group in overseeing the delivery of the Action Plan within the strategy is endorsed.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Council has a statutory duty to produce a homelessness strategy

(Homelessness Act 2002) setting out the issues it faces locally and what it is doing to prevent homelessness. The Council's commitments to preventing homelessness are set out in the Corporate Plan.