

Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy 2019 - 2024

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Overview

- Wide consultation event in the Town Hall in Dec 2019
- Well attended –over 50 stakeholders attended
- Positively received
- Adopted by Cabinet & Council in January 2020

‘Everyone In’

26th March 2020

- 23 guests in winter Nightshelter
- 2 rough sleeping
- 44 single persons asked to leave other accommodation between Mar-June
- Number of accommodation options put in place along with support
- In total 69 persons accommodated from end of March to end of June
- Average weekly cost of £26,000



Travelodge



Welfare Cabins



Broadstreet



Homeless/Rough Sleeper Action Plan

- Area of work-Support Needs
 - Mental Health Crisis House
 - Housing First initiative
 - No recourse support
 - Domestic Violence refuge



Action Plan continued..

- Area of work Rough Sleeping
 - Mental Health nurse in post
 - Rough Sleeper Fund –successful bid to MHCLG
 - Winternightshelter & Housing justice review completed
 - Severe weather emergency beds-significant reduction in beds/capacity due to Covid 19. Reduced from 37 to 6 beds



Action Plan continued..

- Area of work Access to Affordable Housing
 - Allocating sites specifically for affordable housing not possible via Local Plan review
 - Allocation Policy Review-underway. Changes made to approach to banding for care leavers
 - Private rented sector (PRS)- West Norfolk Property have agreed to purchase initial tranche of properties
 - Transfer of Nottingham Genesis supported accommodation stock completed in March 2020
 - Help Hub established



Action Plan continued.....

- Area of work Strategic Role
 - No Homelessness in Norfolk Strategy
 - Review of contractual services due to end in March 2020 underway

