

Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy - draft July 2024



Timeline – a reminder

March/April 2024

Homelessness review presented as Cabinet paper and to E&C

July 2024

- Publication of draft strategy
- Presentation to HHDTR
- Check-back with partners
- Scrutiny at E&C

November 2024
Cross-partnership launch event

April to June 2024

Development of strategy:

- Partners
- Lived Experience
- “Wider net” of community partners
- Council staff
- Task Group

September/October 2024

Formal adoption by cabinet and council



Developing the strategy

Sessions with council staff

Housing staff; other council departments

Sessions with local partners

Over 30 attendees across two sessions at King's Lynn Town Hall including health, probation, housing, key charities

118 individuals contributed, including at least 27 with lived experience of homelessness.

Discussed and responded to key themes arising from homelessness review.

Sessions with people with lived experience

Sessions at The Purfleet Trust and the King's Lynn Night Shelter. 19 people with lived experience of homelessness

A public survey

28 responses, including eight responses from people who declared that they were homeless or at risk (or had been homeless in the past).



Key Strategy aims

Prevention

Ensure that, where possible, a person at risk of homelessness does not become homeless.

Identify at-risk groups and individuals as early as possible.

Support “universal” measures that will reduce the risk of homelessness for all residents.

Intervention

Ensure that people who are homeless are identified quickly and placed into suitable, cost-effective accommodation where necessary.

Avoid and reduce the use of Bed and Breakfast and nightly-paid accommodation

Ensure that support is provided to overcome barriers to accessing (and sustaining) emergency accommodation.

Accommodation

Ensure that safe accommodation is available to everyone who needs it.

Ensure that accommodation is suitable to a household’s needs.

Ensure that people residing in short/medium term accommodation (such as hostels) are supported to move on in a timely and sustainable manner.

Recovery

Ensure that nobody experiences homelessness more than once.

Ensure that formerly homeless people are empowered to thrive in the borough.

Systems Support and Service Culture: work as one borough to achieve prevention, intervention, accommodation and recovery aims. Design services with service users, and in line with the values of the partnership.

VALUES AND BEHAVIOURS

dignity | transparency | flexibility | collaboration | empowerment

