

Rough Sleeping Delivery Plan

Theme	Ref No	Recommendation	RAG Rating	Action	Timescale	Officer	Benefits	Comments
1. Recommendations from Cabinet	RS/01	That a strategic group be set up which meets regularly in order to identify duplication and gaps in current provision for rough sleepers and which includes representation from partner agencies including from the faith and voluntary sector. This group will develop a Rough Sleeper Strategy to be developed and approved by Council to support the work of officers and the wider partnership arrangements, and will monitor and respond to fluctuations in the delivery of the council's homelessness policy.		Proposed date of meeting 19/6/2017 invitees to include:- Light Project Peterborough Salvation Army Sandbox Group Churches Together Children of Adam Peterborough Soup Kitchen Care Zone CAB Axiom HA Cross Keys PES YMCA Stormm Aspire Peterborough and Fenland Mind DV Representative East of England Immigration Compliance and Enforcement HMP Peterborough Hope Into Action Housing Needs	ongoing	Sarah H/Sean		Meeting took place on 19/6/17, background to the rough sleeper task and finish group was shared and discussed, terms of reference were discussed and co-chair from a partner organisation discussed. Bi-monthly meetings have now been arranged however Augusts meeting was cancelled due to annual leave commitments. The group will meet again on the 23rd October 2017.
	RS/02	The creation of a multi-agency task and targeting group to work on a long-term plan to ensure that individual rough sleepers are supported to move away from a street-based lifestyle.		Date of meeting 9th June 2017 invitees to include:- PES East of England Immigration Compliance and Enforcement Aspire Fairview/New Haven CEA Co-Ordinator ACE Outside Links Rough Sleeper Outreach Officer Adult Social Care, Stormm, Mind	ongoing	Sarah Scase		First meeting took place on Friday 9th June. Partner agencies agreed to ensure actions will be on E-Cins for each rough sleeper. Each individual rough sleeper was discussed and actions agreed. Unfortunately there was no attendance from Aspire or the Immigration Service, this is being addressed with these organisations. Six weekly meetings have been set up to work with the Police rotas to ensure the appropriate PCSOs can attend. Most recent meeting was the 16th August 2017.
	RS/03	That the staff resource dedicated to supporting rough sleepers is increased beyond the current single officer to provide greater resilience and capacity, including provision for weekend outreach work in addition to the existing Monday to Friday service, subject to the availability of funding.		Bid has been drafted for 3 workers over 2 years, this being one of them, to DCLG migration fund - submitted by 30/6/17	30/06/17	Belinda Child / Sarah Hebblethwaite		Submission has now been sent to DCLG for 3 workers on 30/6/17 - awaiting outcome
	RS/04	That, with a growing rough sleeping population, the availability of suitable all year round night shelter accommodation is maintained, or increased if demand increases, to ensure that those most vulnerable are able to get some shelter especially during severe weather conditions.		SH met with Light Project Peterborough on 25/04/2017 to discuss extending the winter night shelter provision. Light Project Steering Group 25/04/2017 further information post meeting, working on a proposal	31/10/2017	Sean Evans		Visit to Night shelter in Rushden with the light project to review best practice examples from other areas. A further visit to another scheme to take place. SE & SS attended light project steering group meeting in June to progress discussions. Light project a cautious about expanding their project further as they will not be able to rely on volunteers to cover extended provision. Further analysis required as may require funding to cover extended provision.
	RS/05	That night shelter accommodation is identified for rough sleepers with dogs where the rough sleeper would not be willing to allow the Council to place the dog into kennels as is current practice, subject to the availability of funding.		SH and SE met with Axiom Housing to discuss providing hostel style accommodation for rough sleepers with dogs. A pilot was discussed.	ongoing	Sean Evans		SE & SS met with Axiom to progress this in conjunction with the expansion of the housing first beds. Axiom are working up a pilot scheme for the provision including dogs
	RS/06	That consideration be given to establishing formal daytime drop-in advice and advocacy services for rough sleepers, in partnership with the voluntary and faith sectors, focussed on offering advice and guidance as well as case management for service users, with the caveat that this is not a daytime shelter.		Discussed at Light Project Steering Group meeting. Proposed visit to scheme in Northampton. Meet with outside links to discuss current scope and potential for development.	ongoing	Sean Evans		Visit to Night shelter in Rushden with the light project to review best practice examples from other areas. A further visit to another scheme to take place next month. SE & SS to attend light project steering group meeting in June to progress discussions, the areas discussed were Supporting homeless households in temporary accommodation Pop up shop to raise awareness of homelessness/light project and serve tea and cakes Social enterprise cafe Establishing donations page to give to as alternative to giving to beggars
	RS/07	That consideration be given to a flexible approach to activating severe weather emergency provision (SWEP), taking into account the good practice guidelines provided by Homeless Link.		Develop a procedure building on the current SWEP procedure to include weather such as high winds and heavy rainfall	30/09/17	Sean Evans		Guidance being developed - changing triggers including heavy rain high wind - 3 nights at 1 degree or below - rewriting internal procedures
	RS/08	That an urgent solution is found to the deficit of on-street drugs and alcohol support, either through renegotiating the existing contract the council holds with the provider.		BC has contacted Jo melvin in commissioning	ongoing	Belinda Child / Sarah Hebblethwaite		The recommendation has been discussed with the commissioners. A joint commissioning unit is being transitioned to a joint commissioning unit with Cambridgeshire. Evidence is currently being collated for the commissioning unit to negotiate with the providers Aspire.

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RS/09	That a focussed and ongoing communications campaign is undertaken to encourage the public to report rough sleeping to the council so that the most appropriate support can be provided.		Meet with Steve Titman.	31/11/2017	Sarah Hebblethwaite		Work is ongoing with the communications team on this recommendation by developing a Comms Strategy to put out good news stories and successes
RS/10	To design and print business card sized information cards with contact details for rough sleeper touch points and durable conveniently sized hand-outs, which can be personalised with key advice and action plans for rough sleepers to support them to leave the streets.		Draw up template and liaise with Design & Print	30/10/17	Sean Evans		Draft is being drawn up to take to next strategic working group in august for agreement
RS/11	That, following a recent announcement from Government about potential support to roll out the Housing First model, further work is carried out to understand the detail behind this announcement with a view to extending local provision by at least two further beds.		SH and SE met with Axiom Housing to discuss extending the provision. Axiom are considering extending the Housing First bed within one of their projects	ongoing	Sean Evans Sarah H Sarah Scase		Meeting with Axiom to discuss extending the housing first beds increase by 2 more, Axiom looking to remodel existing provision using an IT suite and look at accommodating dogs, currently working up a proposed model.
RS/12	That the current Chronically Excluded Adults (CEA) project which provides personalised support to rough sleepers and others with the most complex needs be mainstreamed into normal council business from 1 August 2017, the point at which existing grant funding ceases, subject to the availability of funding.		Bid has been drafted for 3 workers over 2 years, this being one of them, to DCLG migration fund - submitted by 30/6/17	30/6/17	Sarah H		Submission has now been sent to DCLG for funding for 3 posts on 30/6/17 - awaiting outcome
RS/13	That the relationship between affordable housing and rough sleeping be further explored. If it is proven that there is a direct correlation between volumes of rough sleeping and availability of affordable housing, that the target for affordable homes to be built in Peterborough that are identified in the emerging Local Plan be increased from 30% to 35%, and that of the 35% at least 70% are affordable rented.		20/04/17 Belinda met with Gemma Wildman from Planning to discuss this recommendation and the reasons for it.	ongoing	Belinda C		Gemma Wildman in Planning is rewording with appropriate wording to see if it can be included and agreed. BC sent Gemma the recommendations. SE has shared stats with Gemma re homelessness presentations and T/A increases Planning colleagues are working on a draft 'meeting housing needs policy', officers have been asked to send comments
RS/14	That, following the conclusion of the task and finish group, the Adults and Communities Scrutiny Committee continue to provide oversight of the recommendations and support to officers by way of a report to the committee in September 2017.		Report will be drafted ready for September meeting, action plan shared with members to keep them updated	01/09/17	Sean Evans		