

Rough Sleeping Delivery Plan

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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	Sean Evans	Complete - Group meeting every 2 months. Christine Graham, Peterborough Street Pastors has agreed to chair the meeting.	To be closed
	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	Sarah Hebblethwaite	Group has been set up and is meeting every 6 weeks.	To be closed
	RS/03	That the staff resource dedicated to supporting rough sleepers is increased beyond the current single officer by one full time additional officer to provide greater resilience and capacity, including provision for weekend outreach work in addition to the existing Monday to Friday service.		Bid has been drafted for 3 workers over 2 years, this being one of them, to DCLG migration fund - submitted by 30/6/17	Sarah Hebblethwaite	Recruitment has been completed and staff are in place.	To be closed
	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.		PCC & Light Project Peterborough to investigate appetite amongst volunteers to operate night shelter all year round.	Sean Evans	Successful funding bid made to the MHCLG to secure funds to allow the winter night shelter provision from the current 13 weeks to 20 weeks. Additional funding to secure crash bed facility for up to 10 rough sleepers to be accessed by Outreach team as offer prevent rough sleepers from having to spend nights out.	Crash bed to open w/c 13/08/2018. Increased winter night shelter to open on the first week in November.
	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.		SH and SE met with Axiom Housing to discuss providing hostel style accommodation for rough sleepers with dogs. A pilot was discussed.	Sean Evans	Positive discussions with Axiom around this provision and they are looking at converting a room at fairview court when one becomes vacant.	This has been achieved. Procedures are in place and provisions for dog have been secured. Axiom are ready to accept a service user with a dog once identified and willing to accept offer. To be closed.
	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.		PCC & Light Project Peterborough to investigate daytime targeted IA&G service tailored for rough sleepers and single persons.	Sean Evans	Further discussions have taken place with the Light Project and the Cathedral. Potential site identified and skeleton plan has been pulled together. Element included in MHCLG funding bid which was unsuccessful. Alternative funding methods to be investigated.	Further update/plans to be shared.
	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	Sean Evans	New procedure completed and implemented.	To be closed

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	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 or by increasing the value of the contract.	Green	SH has contacted commissioning to increase provision	Sarah Hebblethwaite	Funding secured to increase current provision to full time equivalent role. Discussions required with commissioning team to implement by October 2018. Joint working has taken place between PCC rough sleeper outreach and Aspires new CMF funded worker so street outreach is taking place.	Further discussions required with Aspire to implement.
	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.	Orange	Rough Sleeping Comms Plan	Sean Evans	Work is ongoing with the communications team on this recommendation by developing a Comms Strategy	A comms plan is being developed and will be shared with the group
	RS/10	To design and print business card sized information cards with contact details for rough sleeper touch points and durable conveniently sized handouts, which can be personalised with key advice and action plans for rough sleepers to support them to leave the streets.	Orange	Draw up template and liaise with Design & Print	Sean Evans	Meeting taken place with food cycle and agreed joint launch of printed materials. Template to be modified to include new initiative info and agreed with Media/Marketing for design and print. Draft to be shared prior to launch of new initiatives.	A suite of printed media will be developed as part of the Comms plan.
	RS/11	That the existing provision of one Housing First bed for a rough sleeper with complex needs that cannot be accommodated in regular hostels be extended by two further beds, along with the associated wraparound support services.	Green	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	Sean Evans	Positive discussions with Axiom around this provision and they are looking at converting a room at fairview court when one becomes vacant.	This has now been agreed. The first room has been identified and we are awaiting vacant possession. This is a disabled adapted self contained flatlet in Fairview Court. To be closed
	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.	Orange	Bid has been drafted for 3 workers over 2 years, this being one of them, to DCLG migration fund - submitted by 30/6/17	Sarah Hebblethwaite	Recruitment put on hold while restructure of Housing Needs team being completed. Recruitment to all new vacant posts to be completed during July/August 2018	
	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.	Red	20/04/17 Belinda Child met with Gemma Wildman from Planning to discuss this recommendation and the reasons for it.	Sean Evans	While it difficult to find a direct correlation between levels of rough sleeping and the supply of affordable rented accommodation. It is more straightforward to make the links between homelessness generally and the provision of affordable rented accommodation. There are other factors mainly around viability, which prohibit the viability of including such a quota in the local plan.	Unable to progress. To be Closed
	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.	Green	Report will be drafted ready for September meeting, action plan shared with members to keep them update	Sean Evans	Further update presented to Scrutiny committee in November and regular updates to be taken moving forward	Regular updates being provided to Scrutiny Committee.