

RECOMMENDATIONS MONITORING REPORT 2021/22 – COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Updated 28 February 2022

Meeting date Recommendations Made	Portfolio Holder / Directorate Responsible	Agenda Item Title	Recommendation Made	Action Taken	Progress Status
28 SEPTEMBER 2021	Cllr Allen, Cabinet Member for Housing, Culture and Communities	Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy 2021 to 2026	<p>The Communities Scrutiny Committee RESOLVED to</p> <p>1. Endorse the Strategy and Action Plan to be taken forward to Cabinet for endorsement and onward approval by Full Council</p>	<p>Recommendation sent to Cabinet Member.</p> <p>Approved by Cabinet on 10 January 2022:</p> <p>Cabinet considered the report and RESOLVED to recommend the Strategy and Action Plan to Full Council for approval.</p> <p>Approved by Council on 26 January 2022:</p> <p>A vote was taken on the recommendation and Council RESOLVED (unanimous with no Members indicating to vote against or abstain) to approve the Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy 2021-2026 and Action Plan.</p>	Completed*
28 SEPTEMBER 2021	Cllr Allen, Cabinet Member for Housing, Culture and Communities	Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy 2021 to 2026	<p>The Communities Scrutiny Committee RESOLVED to</p> <p>2. Recommend that the relevant Cabinet Member and Lead</p>	<p>Recommendation accepted by Sean Evans – Head of Service, Housing Needs at the meeting. To be actioned.</p> <p>Response as follows:</p>	Completed*

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			Officer liaises with the Armed Forces Covenant Officer for input in how to assist veterans with issues that affect them and consider adding this to the Strategy.	“I have met with Cllr Fox and Tommy Kelly, armed forces covenant officer and we have agreed to include an additional objective in the strategy action plan for presentation at cabinet in January. The objective is as follows below:	

Objective 2.6 - Improve information and services for armed forces personnel

Action	Target and Date	Outcome	Lead officer/s	Partners
Improve information about housing and homelessness for armed forces personnel	<p>Website updated to include dedicated armed forces personnel section completed by 01/04/22.</p> <p>Use Housing Pages to highlight other support available by 01/04/22</p> <p>Housing Needs staff to receive Armed Forces Covenant training by 01/06/2022</p> <p>Housing/Homelessness update to be presented at Armed forces Covenant Board</p>	<p>Offering the best possible service for former armed forces personnel</p> <p>Established processes and procedures for dealing with victims and survivors of domestic abuse.</p>	<p>Sean Evans – Housing Needs Head of Service</p> <p>Policy endorsed as amended by Cabinet on 10 January 2022 and Full Council on 26 January 2022.</p>	AFCO

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2 NOVEMBER 2021	Cllr Allen, Cabinet Member for Housing, Culture and Communities	6. City Market Relocation	The Communities Scrutiny Committee RESOLVED to endorse plans to reinvigorate a new market offer for the City.	Update provided on 23/2/22: CMDN was published on Jan 28th to progress to a new market offer. Cabinet approved a detailed proposal on 21st Feb and as this is a significant investment it will be presented to full council on 3rd March	Completed*
2 NOVEMBER 2021	Cllr Marco Cereste, Cabinet Member for Digital Services and Transformation	9. Report of the Task and Finish Group to Examine Barriers to Equality and Issues Experienced by BAME Communities in Accessing Council Services	The Communities Scrutiny Committee RESOLVED to recommend that the newly formed Cabinet Working Group adopt the LGA assessment and action plan as the basis of their work plan.	Update provided on 28/2/22: First meeting of the new Equality, Diversity, Disability and Inclusion Cabinet Working Group took place on 6 December 2021. The Cabinet Working group did adopt the LGA assessment and action plan as the basis for their work.	Completed*
4 JANUARY 2022	Cllr Allen, Cabinet Member for Housing, Culture and Communities	8. Peterborough Housing Allocations Policy	The Communities Scrutiny Committee RESOLVED to endorse the final draft of the policy along with the summary of responses to the consultation, which concluded on the 22nd November 2021	Updated on 22/2/22: At its meeting on 21 February 2022 Cabinet considered the report and RESOLVED to recommend the new Allocations Policy to Full Council for approval.	Completed*

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			prior to presentation to Cabinet for onward presentation to Full Council for approval prior to adoption.		

*= Pending Committee's approval

RECOMMENDATIONS MONITORING REPORT 2018-19 – ADULTS AND COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

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12 MARCH 2019	<p>At the time of the meeting - Councillor Walsh, Cabinet Member for Communities</p> <p>At present – Cllr Allen, Cabinet Member for Housing, Culture and Communities</p>	7. Selective Licensing – interim review and outcomes	<p>RECOMMENDATION:</p> <p>The Adults and Communities Scrutiny Committee RESOLVED to recommend that Cabinet should consider extending Selective Licensing across the whole city after the current scheme expires in 2021.</p>	<p>Recommendation sent to Councillor Walsh, Cabinet Member for Communities and Jo Bezant, Manager, Housing Enforcement and Selective Licensing on 18/03/2019.</p> <p>Response received and sent to committee members on 03/04/2019. Please see below:</p> <p>Further update requested at 17 November 2020 meeting and sent to Members on 8 January 2021.</p> <p>Report containing a review of existing scheme scheduled for Committee on 5 July 2021</p> <p>Proposals for the new scheme considered by the Committee on 2 November 2021.</p> <p>Final policy to return to Committee once the</p>	Ongoing.

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				<p>consultation period has concluded.</p> <p>Update provided below in bold on 25/2/22</p>	
<p>Selective Licensing schemes require local councils to demonstrate that certain conditions set by Government are met. In the case of our existing scheme we did this via an extensive analysis of data. To extend the scheme we would need to undertake a similar exercise using the same format as the previous scheme. This data would then identify the areas of the city that meet the government set criteria for a selective licensing scheme to be introduced. Following any decision on proposed areas for a new scheme, a full and comprehensive public consultation of at least 10 weeks would need to take place. In addition, if more than 20% of the city's private rented sector would be affected by any new scheme it would be necessary for approval to be sought from the Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG).</p> <p>However, MHCLG is currently undertaking a review of selective licensing across the country. The outcome of the review is expected sometime this year. This review could affect any future schemes the council may want to introduce, and we have therefore agreed that it would be prudent to wait for this guidance, given the complexities of developing new schemes described above, before we commence any further work.</p> <p>Update provided on 25/2/22:</p> <p>On 25 June 2019 an independent review of selective licensing schemes was published. One of the findings of the review showed that successful schemes had “a realistic approach to area definition with boundaries carefully drawn to focus on areas with demonstrable problems.” A review of the previous selective licensing scheme has been completed, and a public consultation is currently underway on a new scheme. This consultation runs until 13 April. The proposed areas of the new scheme have been selected following a review of the data to identify areas which meet at least five out of the six government required criteria for selective licensing to be introduced - low housing demand, a significant and persistent problem caused by anti-social behaviour, poor property conditions, high levels of migration, high levels of deprivation and high levels of crime. All feedback received during the consultation will be reviewed and analysed, and we expect to submit our application for a new scheme to the Secretary of State in early summer.”</p>					