

RECORD OF DECISION BY CITY MAYOR OR INDIVIDUAL
EXECUTIVE MEMBER

1.	DECISION TITLE	Homelessness Strategy Phase Two Delivery Proposal
2.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	None
3.	DATE OF DECISION	14 August 2013
4.	DECISION MAKER	Cllr Connelly – Assistant City Mayor for Housing
5.	DECISION TAKEN	<p>Strategy and Policy:</p> <p>(i) to approve the Homelessness Strategy.</p> <p>(ii) to adopt the Eligibility Criteria (as outlined in Appendix A of the report) for access to all council funded temporary accommodation.</p> <p>Delivery Plan: Services for Single People and Childless Couples</p> <p>(iii) to retain the Dawn Centre as a temporary hostel for homeless single people consisting of 44 units</p> <p>(iv) the Executive to consider the proposal to close Lower Hastings Street and Loughborough Road hostels subject to consultation with Trade Unions and affected staff.</p> <p>(v) to commission support for single people and childless couples in 220 units of accommodation. 85 of these units will be for young people aged 16 to 24 years old and 135 would be for single people and childless couples aged over 21.</p> <p>Delivery Plan: Floating Support Provision</p> <p>(vi) to increase floating support to provide 395 units through retaining 175 units in-house (includes the Revolving Door Service) and commissioning 220 units from external providers. It is proposed that generic floating support will be commissioned for all client groups except offenders as it is recognised</p>

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		that this high risk client group requires specialist support.
6.	REASON FOR DECISION	The Homelessness review found that a hostel environment is not always conducive to achieving positive changes for people. Homelessness Services need to be transformed to move away from the current climate of crisis and rescue to providing more prevention and support. If people do become homeless services will enable them to access and sustain independent accommodation as quickly as possible
7.	a) KEY DECISION Y/N? b) If yes, was it published 5 clear days in advance? y/n	Yes Yes
8.	OPTIONS CONSIDERED	(i) Option 1 - To do nothing or negotiate current contracts – this is not an option as current contracts have been in place since 2006 and the Council has a duty to ensure value for money and allow opportunity to other potential suppliers. The council should procure services using in competitive tendering in line with Public Contracts Regulations 2006 and internal contract procedure rules. (ii) Option 2 – this is the option being taken, to have a strategy in place to prevent homelessness as required by the Homelessness Act 2002 and to tender for new services in line with some of the key recommendations of the Review to more develop outcome based services. To transform services to provide more prevention and support and enable people to access and to retain independent settled accommodation.
9.	DEADLINE FOR CALL-IN <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 Members of a Scrutiny Commission or any 5 Councillors can ask for the decision to be called-in. • Notification of Call-In with reasons must be made to the Monitoring Officer 	21 August 2013
10.	SIGNATURE OF DECISION MAKER (City Mayor or where delegated by the City Mayor, name of Executive Member)	