

Homelessness, Prevention & Support

Homelessness Strategy Implementation *Update*

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Homelessness Strategy Update

Purpose of presentation:

To update Housing Scrutiny on the ongoing work to implement the Homelessness Strategy 2018-2023 since the last report to Housing Scrutiny November 2018



Partnership Working

- Charter launched by the City Mayor, Bishop & Police & Crime Commissioner at the Cathedral
- Charter working groups meeting regularly
- Pay points for the City to be rolled out to enable public to donate to charities supporting the homeless and providing additional services such as the winter shelter.



Homelessness Prevention

- My Home app to launch late Summer 2019
- Changes successfully made to implement the duty to refer
- Further recruitment of Homeless Prevention Officers



Accommodation for families

- Increased numbers of families presenting
- Measures put in place to ensure B&B use minimised
- Options appraisal of family temporary accommodation to be considered 2019/20

Accommodation for singles

- Safe Space at Andover Street launched Feb
- Tendering for wider range of accommodation services for singles
- £7m to be invested in council housing in the city



Accommodation for offenders

- New contracts in place from 1st July
- Number of units available increased and close working with partnership working with NPS
- Housing Options surgeries introduced at Leicester Prison

Eligibility criteria for single homelessness

- New eligibility criteria to be implemented Autumn / Winter 2019 to ensure those most in need are offered the relevant support and accommodation options.
- Recognition of the complex needs of this client group.

Accommodation for young people

- Joint working group established with children's services to develop joint commissioning exercise

Housing-related support

- Developing options for tendering for new improved floating support services
- Management review bringing together Outreach & Revolving Door services enabling coordinated support from the streets to a home

Support for rough sleepers & repeat homeless

- 2019/20 RSI funding of £350k confirmed from MHCLG. Funding 20 additional hostel beds at Action Homeless and additional staff supporting rough sleepers
- Successful bid for Rapid Rehousing Pathway funding £211k working in partnership with local charities to fund Rough Sleeping Navigators





Day centres

- No.5 drug and alcohol recovery centre received almost 8,000 visits since opening
- Analysis of day services for people who are homeless will start in the later phases of implementation