

Committee: Community & Children's Services Committee (for decision).	Date: 8 th June 2018
Subject: Establishment of a Homelessness and Rough Sleepers Sub Committee	
Report of: Town Clerk	Public
	For Decision
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Summary

The purpose of this report is to consider the establishment of a sub committee focussing on tackling the issues of rough sleeping and homelessness within the Square Mile.

The role and responsibility of the sub committee are set out within the report, with the principal function being to examine and keep under review the City Corporation's efforts to tackle rough sleeping and evaluate the work undertaken with partner organisations to prevent rough sleeping in the City of London.

Main Report

1. At the Committee meeting on 11 May 2018, Members considered the appointments to the sub committees and panels for the ensuing year. Consideration was also given to the appointment of a Lead Member for Rough Sleepers.
2. A proposal was put forward that consideration be given to creation of a sub committee to investigate the problem of individuals sleeping rough and homelessness in the City of London.
3. Members agreed that the problem was widespread and required a closer oversight to ensure that more was being done to deal with the issues presented.

Background

4. Members are asked to consider the draft terms of reference of the group (Appendix A).
5. The membership of the group shall consist of:

- i. The Chairman & Deputy Chairman of the Community and Children's Services Committee;
 - ii. Up to six Members of the Community and Children's Services Committee and/or the Court of Common Council;
 - iii. Two Members representing the Police Committee;
 - iv. A representative of the City church; and
 - v. Chairman of the Safer City Partnership or his/her representative.
6. The sub committee will have the power to co-opt up to two external members outside of the Court of Common Council. These individuals will provide expert experience relevant to the subject matter.
 7. The quorum of the sub committee shall consist of any three Members of the Court of Common Council.
 8. It is recommended that the group meet a minimum of five times per year.

Conclusion

9. Members of the Community and Children's Services Committee are invited to consider the creation of the sub committee and agree the remit for the group.

Appendices

Appendix A: Draft terms of reference for the Rough Sleepers and Homelessness Sub Committee.

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Appendix A

Draft terms of reference for the Rough Sleepers and Homelessness Sub Committee.

1. To give consideration to strategies and proposals to alleviate rough sleeping and homelessness in the City of London together with other associated activities.
2. To have an overview of government and regional policies on rough sleeping;
3. To have an overview of rough sleeping in the City of London;
4. To monitor new approaches to working with rough sleepers;
5. To monitor the financial implications in delivering a service to rough sleepers;
6. To be informed about the health and wellbeing of rough sleepers, what services are required and how they can be delivered;
7. To monitor the implications of any enforcement activities; and
8. To monitor the numbers of rough sleepers on the City streets.
9. To liaise with other local authorities and agencies working towards tackling homelessness and rough sleeping.

