

Committees: Homelessness & Rough Sleeping Subcommittee – For Decision Community and Children’s Services Committee – For Decision	Dated: H&RS - 26/04/23 CCS - 03/05/23
Subject: Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy 2023-27	Public
Which outcomes in the City Corporation’s Corporate Plan does this proposal aim to impact directly?	1,2,3,4
Does this proposal require extra revenue and/or capital spending?	N
If so, how much?	N/A
What is the source of Funding?	N/A
Has this Funding Source been agreed with the Chamberlain’s Department?	N/A
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Summary

This report updates Members on the response to the public consultation of the Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy for 2023-27 following its 12-week public consultation.

This paper also sets out the final version of the strategy for Members’ approval.

Recommendation

Members are asked to:

- **Members of the Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Subcommittee are invited to endorse the following recommendations for approval by the Community & Children’s Services Committee**

Main Report

Background

1. The Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy 2023-2027 has been through a 12-week public consultation period. The strategy was shaped by analysis of homelessness and rough sleeping in the City of London and current service delivery, a review of the previous strategy, engagement with key stakeholders and service providers and feedback from service users. It also reflects changes in related government legislation, guidance, and strategy and the City Corporation’s participation in the Mayor of London’s Life of the Streets Taskforce.
2. The strategy for 2023–27 put forward to public consultation four key outcomes, each with areas of focus. These outcomes were as follows:

- a. Rapid, effective and tailored interventions minimise the duration of and prevent homelessness
 - b. Access to suitable and affordable accommodation is increased
 - c. Collaboration and partnership is strengthened and reaches across traditional boundaries
 - d. Support beyond accommodation secures wellbeing, improves employability and supports recovery
3. The strategy was reviewed following consultation, and a copy of the final strategy for approval can be found in Appendix 1.
 4. The development of a dedicated action plan will be undertaken after the approval of this strategy. Actions will be developed by using the feedback from the public consultation, further engagement with individuals who have lived experience of homelessness and rough sleeping, as well as further discussions with our key partners.
 5. The action plan will show how we and our partners intend to tackle the identified outcomes and objectives and progress will be determined by providing statements of impact.
 6. The strategy and action plan will be overseen and monitored by the Homelessness & Rough Sleeping Sub-Group.
 7. Details of the response to the public consultation has been set out in Appendix 2.

Current Position

Response to consultation feedback

8. Overall response to the proposals consulted on have been very positive, with most of the suggestions being related to the delivery of the strategy through a dedicated action plan.

Action Plan

9. Consultation feedback strongly noted the need for meaningful actions to achieve the proposed outcomes and objectives, with clear identification of which agency is responsible, how and when this will be delivered, and what success will look like.
10. An action plan will be developed to sit alongside this strategy after approval by Members. This is to ensure that both consultation feedback, other recently undertaken engagement work with people lived experience of homelessness and rough sleeping and further conversations with key partners result in actions that are evidence-based, using feedback from service users and service professionals.

Corporate & Strategic Implications

Strategic implications

11. This strategy's outcomes are designed to contribute to the delivery of the Corporate Plan 2018–2023 by aligning to these four outcomes:

Outcome 1: People are safe and feel safe

Outcome 2: People enjoy good health and wellbeing

Outcome 3: People have equal opportunities to enrich their lives and reach their full potential

Outcome 4: Communities are cohesive and have the facilities they need.

Financial implications

12. None identified

Resource implications

13. None identified

Legal implications

14. The City of London Corporation has a statutory duty under the Housing Act (1996) to prevent homelessness and provide assistance or advice to those who are homeless, or at risk of homelessness. Under the Homelessness Act, 2002, the City of London Corporation is required to have a strategy in place covering all forms of homelessness in its locality, that must be updated at least every 5 years

Risk implications

14. Homelessness and rough sleeping is a high priority topic, and as such should the strategy not be agreed, there is a reputational risk to the City of London Corporation.

Equalities implications

15. Developing a dedicated Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy with a strong action plan will work towards tackling inequality of opportunity. A dedicated Equality Impact Assessment has also been developed to demonstrate this, as inequality disproportionately impacts on those with protected characteristics. A copy of the Equality Impact Assessment can be found in Appendix 3

Climate implications

16. None identified

Security implications

17. None identified

Conclusion

18. The proposed strategy is the overarching strategic document that guides how the City Corporation and its partners will support those facing homelessness and or rough sleeping through its outcomes and objectives. The strategy is a partnership document that allows us to deliver our services and activities in synergy with our key partners to improve outcomes for people who use homelessness services or who are rough sleeping.

Appendices

- Appendix 1 – Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy 2023-27
- Appendix 2 – Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy Consultation Responses
- Appendix 3 – Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy Equality Impact Assessment

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