

Committee(s): Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Sub-Committee - For Decision	Dated: 03/10/2023
Subject: Update on the Homelessness & 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

Members are asked to endorse the Homelessness & Rough Sleeping Strategy 2023-27 following a refresh of the strategy based on input from Members of this Sub-Committee prior to its approval by the Community & Children's Services Committee.

Recommendation(s)

Members are asked to:

- **Endorse the following recommendations for approval by the Community and Children's Services Committee in November 2023.**

Main Report

Background

1. Members of the Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Sub-Committee have been involved in the development of the Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy 2023-27 throughout the stages of development and public consultation, as well as after the public consultation had ended.
2. At the most recent sub-committee meeting on the 26th of April 2023, Members recommended that a follow up session be held with members of the sub-

committee and relevant Officers to investigate in more detail how the strategy outcomes and priorities would be delivered and measured for success. Members also noted that co-production should be strengthened as a backbone of the strategy.

3. Following the sub-committee, a follow up session was held with Members on of this sub-committee on 19 July 2023 where a presentation was held on delivering the strategy and how outcomes and priorities were identified.
4. During this session, Members requested additional changes to the strategy to set in context how and why priorities were chosen and how they are going to be delivered over the lifetime of the strategy.
5. In order deliver this request, the strategy was amended to include national and local legislative context and data, an update on progress achieved during the previous strategy, an expansion of why the priorities were chosen and case studies showing good practice.
6. In addition to including relevant contextual information, the strategy includes details of the various actions that will help deliver the priorities identified in the strategy and will form part of the ongoing Service Development Plan for delivery of this strategy.
7. As well as making changes to the strategy, an evidence bank showing the picture of homelessness and rough sleeping within the City of London was developed, which can be seen in Appendix 2.
8. Members of the sub-committee were given the opportunity to further comment and amend changes made to this strategy and a second follow up session was due to be held in September 2023. This session was cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances, and therefore Members were given the opportunity to comment outside of the formal committee structure, before discussion at this sub-committee.
9. Considering these changes and steps taken to further develop the strategy, Members are requested to endorse this strategy for final approval by the Community & Children's Services Committee in November 2023.

Corporate & Strategic Implications

Financial implications – None identified

Resource implications – None identified

Legal implications – 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 – None identified

Equalities implications - Developing a dedicated Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy with strong evidence on how we will deliver the strategy 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.

Climate implications – None identified

Security implications – None identified

Conclusion

10. This strategy will progress to the Community & Children's Services Grand Committee in November 2023 for approval following endorsement from Members of this sub-committee.

Appendices

- **Appendix 1 – Homelessness & Rough Sleeping Strategy 2023-27**
- **Appendix 2 – Homelessness & Rough Sleeping Evidence Bank**
- **Appendix 3 – Equality Impact Assessment**

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