

Chichester District Council

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

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Draft Homelessness Strategy 2015-2020

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2. Recommendations

The committee is requested:

- 2.1. To consider the attached report to Cabinet on 7 July 2015 and make any observations and comments on the draft Homelessness Strategy.
- 2.2. To recommend to Cabinet that the draft Homelessness Strategy be approved for consultation.

3. Background

- 3.1. The Homelessness Act 2002 requires all local housing authorities to have a homelessness strategy and to review and renew the strategy every five years.
- 3.2. The purpose of such a strategy is to set out the local authority's plans for the prevention of homelessness and for ensuring that sufficient accommodation and support is available for people who become homeless or who are at risk of becoming so.
- 3.3. The attached report to Cabinet on 7 July 2015 sets out the draft Homelessness Strategy 2015-20.

4. Outcomes to be achieved

- 4.1. That the Overview and Scrutiny Committee considers the draft Homelessness Strategy 2015-2020 and makes any observations and comments on the said strategy and recommends to Cabinet that the draft Homelessness Strategy be approved for consultation.

5. Other Implications

	Yes	No
Crime & Disorder: : If rough sleeping can be reduced then there is a possibility that crime could be reduced since rough sleeping is sometimes associated with criminal activity	X	
Climate Change:		X

Human Rights and Equality Impact: The new strategy is not significantly different to the previous strategy, however, it should be noted that when considering all homeless applications the applicants' human rights and protected characteristics have to be taken fully into account.	X	
Safeguarding: The nature of homelessness means that the client group is likely to have a member of the household who is a vulnerable adult or child and hence an effective strategy can reduce the risk to adults and children who are homeless or threatened with homelessness.	X	

6. Appendices

Appendix 1 – Cabinet Report – Draft Homelessness Strategy 2015-2020
Appendix 2 – Draft Homelessness Strategy 2015-2020

7. Background Papers

Homelessness Prevention Strategy 2009-2014
Homelessness Review 2015