



Communities and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Board (4)

Time and Date

10.00 am on Thursday, 14th November, 2019

Place

Committee Room 3 - Council House

Public Business

1. **Apologies and Substitutions**
2. **Declarations of Interest**
3. **Minutes** (Pages 3 - 6)
 - a) To agree the minutes of the previous meeting held on 19 September, 2019
 - b) Matters arising
4. **Adoption of Rough Sleeping Strategy 2019-2024** (Pages 7 - 28)
Briefing Note of the Deputy Chief Executive (People)
5. **Coventry Homefinder Review** (Pages 29 - 30)
Briefing note of the Deputy Chief Executive (People)
6. **Report Back from Conference - The Role of Cities in the Integration of Refugees and Migrants** (Pages 31 - 32)
Report of the Deputy Chief Executive (People)
7. **Communities and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Board (4) Work Programme and Outstanding Issues 2019/20** (Pages 33 - 38)
Report of the Deputy Chief Executive (Place)
8. **Any Other Items of Urgent Public Business**
Any other items of public business which the Chair decides to take as a matter of urgency because of the special circumstances involved.

Martin Yardley, Deputy Chief Executive (Place), Council House Coventry

Wednesday, 6 November 2019

Note: The person to contact about the agenda and documents for this meeting is Suzanne Bennett Tel: 024 7697 2299 Email: suzanne.bennett@coventry.gov.uk

Membership: Councillors F Abbott, N Akhtar (Chair), M Ali, R Ali, R Bailey, T Mayer, C Miks, R Thay, S Walsh

By invitation Councillors T Khan and D Welsh

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Coventry City Council
Minutes of the Meeting of Communities and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Board (4)
held at 10.00 am on Thursday, 19 September 2019

Present:

Members: Councillor N Akhtar (Chair)
Councillor M Ali
Councillor J Blundell (substitute for Councillor T Mayer)
Councillor J Clifford (substitute for Councillor F Abbott)
Councillor M Heaven (substitute for Councillor R Bailey)
Councillor C Miks
Councillor R Thay
Councillor S Walsh

Other Members: Councillor P Akhtar (Deputy Cabinet Member for Policing and Equalities)

Employees (by Directorate):

Place: S Bennett, N Cowper, C Hickin, G Hood, G Holmes, M McHugh, N Thomas,

Apologies: Councillors F Abbott, R Bailey and T Mayer
Councillor P Hetherington and G Lloyd (Cabinet and Deputy Member for City Services)
Councillor A S Khan (Cabinet Member for Policing and Equalities)

Public Business

7. Councillor M Heaven

The Chair, Councillor N Akhtar, welcomed Councillor M Heaven to her first meeting of the City Council.

8. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

9. Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 11 July, 2019 were agreed and signed as a true record. There were no matters arising.

10. Flood Risk Management and Drainage Update Report

The Scrutiny Board considered a Briefing Note which provided an update in relation to Flood Risk Management and Drainage issues.

The Briefing Note:-

- Updated on the Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA) Statutory Consultee (provision of drainage advice) role on planning applications
- Informed of the role and work of the Regional and Coastal Flood Committee
- Provided an update on the flooding events and improvements at Butt Lane, Allesley and Broad Lane, Upper Eastern Green
- Outlined the activities undertaken during the delivery of the annual Drainage Capital Programme
- Detailed key flood risk management activities since the last report

The Scrutiny Board questioned officers on aspects of the Briefing Note including:-

- The Allesley Flood Risk Management Scheme and its anticipated impact on flood risk for residents
- Natural Flood Management measures
- Paving of domestic gardens; planning permission consent for off road parking/dropped kerbs; and drainage requirements
- Environmental Impact Assessments for new developments
- Adjacent landowner responsibility in relation to keeping rivers clear and enforcement powers available to the Environment Agency to ensure this happens
- Partnership working with Severn Trent, including response times
- Gully cleaning/maintenance in the City
- Planning considerations, including S 106 agreements
- Pre-App advice for Planning Applications

RESOLVED that the Communities and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Board (4):-

- 1. Notes the progress of the Lead Local Flood Authority in drainage and flood risk matters**
- 2. Requests that the Briefing Note be circulated to all Members of the City Council for information.**

11. Fly Tipping in Coventry

The Scrutiny Board considered a Briefing Note which detailed progress on tackling fly-tipping in the City. The Briefing Note indicated that there had been a 47% increase in the number of fly-tips reported, with an increase from 4,704 in 2017/18 to 6,922 in 2018/19. The Scrutiny Board noted that fly-tipping was increasing nationally.

An online reporting form was making it easier for the public to check if the fly-tipping had already been reported and, if not, to ensure that an accurate report is then generated. The number of enforcement actions by the Street Enforcement Service had also increased markedly from 2,613 in 2017/18 to 3,925 in 2018/19, a

50% increase. Despite the marked increase in fly-tipping, the Council had slightly increased the proportion of fly-tips attended to and addressed and had developed metrics to identify, determine and address the levels of cleanliness across the City.

Fly tipping has reduced in the first quarter of 2019/20 when compared with the same period last year. The Scrutiny Board noted that it was too early to determine if this is part of a long-term trend, but indicated that the progress was encouraging.

The Briefing Note detailed the following measures to address the increase in fly tipping:-

- Fly tipping on private land
- Redesigning the service
- Focus on “Hot Streets”
- Surveillance
- Pilot Surveillance Project

The Scrutiny Board questioned officers on aspects of the Briefing Note, particularly in relation to:-

- Working with private landowners and providing assistance and guidance
- How evidence is preserved and collected
- Work undertaken with partners, such as the West Midlands Fire Service, to ensure public safety
- Recovering Council costs from defendants
- The use of surveillance cameras including, locations, costs, operational issues relating to “hot streets” and working with local residents
- Educating residents about fly tipping and providing information about alternatives for removing rubbish, including “5 items” and a scheme developed with the British Heart Foundation to recycle unwanted student items
- The “Your Rubbish” app developed with Coventry University

The Scrutiny Board expressed their appreciation of all the work undertaken in this regard and asked that their thanks be conveyed to appropriate staff.

RESOLVED that the Communities and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Board (4):-

- 1) Notes and welcomes the actions and programmes in place to tackle fly tipping**
- 2) Request that their thanks be conveyed to appropriate staff for all the work undertaken in this regard**
- 3) Request that an evaluation report on the Pilot Surveillance project be submitted to the Scrutiny Board in due course.**

12. **Preparations for Christmas Waste Collections 2019**

The Scrutiny Board considered a Briefing Note outlining the plans for the Christmas Waste collection 2019.

The collection of waste over the Christmas and New Year period differs each year around how the bank holidays fall. The introduction of the alternate weekly collection service and the extension of the garden and food waste collections in 2107 prompted further considerations as to how to minimise disruption to residents over this period. Last year collections were suspended over the Christmas week with all residents receiving a domestic collection (green bin) the week before and after Christmas.

There is no contractual obligation for domestic waste employees to work during the Council's Christmas shutdown week or on the Mondays or Saturdays that need to be worked over the festive period to cover bank holidays. The service is therefore reliant on volunteers from within the workforce alongside temporary (agency) staff. Suspending collections for the Christmas shutdown week reduces the number of non-working days and therefore reduces the number and costs of temporary staff required.

The Briefing Note detailed the pattern of Christmas collections for 2019 and outlined lessons learnt following problems experienced last year.

The Scrutiny Board questioned officers on aspects on the Briefing Note including:-

- Side waste that will be collected in provided clear sacks
- Work that will be undertaken with the Communications Team, both before the Christmas period and during the Christmas period to provide up to date information via social media
- The diversity of the workforce.

RESOLVED that the Scrutiny Board notes the contents of the Briefing Note.

13. **Communities and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Board (4) Work Programme and Outstanding Issues 2019/20**

The Scrutiny Board noted their Work Programme for 2019/20, including a revised date for the November meeting (now 14 November) and an additional meeting on 19 December, 2019.

14. **Any Other Items of Urgent Public Business**

There were no other items of urgent public business.

(Meeting closed at 12.00 pm)



Coventry City Council

Briefing note

To: Communities and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Board (4)

Date: 14th November 2019

Subject: Adoption of Rough Sleeping Strategy 2019-24

1 Purpose of the Note

- 1.1 To provide recommendations for the Communities and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Board (4) on the draft Rough Sleeping Strategy 2019-24

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 The Communities and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Board (4) is recommended to:
- 1) Consider the content of the draft Cabinet Report and draft strategy, alongside consultation results to be presented at the meeting.
 - 2) Identify any comments or recommendations to be included as part of the consultation on the draft Rough Sleeping Strategy

3 Information/Background

- 3.1 The Council is required by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) to publish a Rough Sleeping Strategy by December 2019. Following engagement with key stakeholders, a draft Strategy and Action Plan 2019-24 was widely consulted on from 18th September to 30th October 2019. The results of this are still being analysed, but will be presented at the scrutiny meeting on the 14th November.
- 3.2 The Rough Sleeping Strategy will be presented to Cabinet for approval on 10th December 2019. The draft report to be completed once the consultation responses have been fully analysed is attached as an appendix, as has the draft strategy.
- 3.3 The Rough Sleeping Strategy focuses on three main principles:
1. To prevent new people from starting to sleep rough
 2. To intervene rapidly when people start to sleep rough to help them off the street
 3. To promote a person's recovery once they are off the street to build positive lives and so they do not return to rough sleeping
- 3.4 Attached are the following:
- Appendix A - Draft Cabinet Report for 10th December 2019
 - Appendix B – Rough Sleeping Strategy 2019-24

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Cabinet Meeting

10th December 2019

Name of Cabinet Member:

Cabinet Member for Housing and Communities – Councillor Tariq Khan

Director Approving Submission of the report:

Deputy Chief Executive (People)

Ward(s) affected:

All

Title:

Adoption of Rough Sleeping Strategy 2019-24

Is this a key decision?

Yes

Executive Summary:

The Council is required by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) to publish a Rough Sleeping Strategy by December 2019. Following engagement with key stakeholders, a draft Strategy and Action Plan 2019-24 was widely consulted on from 18th September to 30th October 2019. The results of this consultation are summarised in section 3 of this report and appendix D.

The Rough Sleeping Strategy focuses on three main principles:

1. To prevent new people from starting to sleep rough
2. To intervene rapidly when people start to sleep rough to help them off the street
3. To promote a person's recovery once they are off the street to build positive lives and so they do not return to rough sleeping

The Strategy is supported by an Action Plan that will remain a live document and be monitored and delivered by the City Council and its relevant partners.

Recommendations:

The Cabinet is requested to:

1. Consider the consultation responses received to the draft Rough Sleeping Strategy and the summary report provided at Appendix C.

2. Recommend that council adopt the new Rough Sleeping Strategy(Appendix A) and supporting Action Plan (Appendix B) with immediate effect.

List of Appendices included:

Appendix A – Rough Sleeping strategy 2019-24

Appendix B – Partners Commitment

Appendix C – Rough Sleeping Action Plan

Appendix D - Consultation Statement

Appendix E - ECA Part 1&2

Background papers:

There are no background papers listed.

Other useful documents

[Coventry's Housing and Homelessness Strategy 2019-2024](#)

Has it been, or will it be considered by Scrutiny?

Yes, the draft Rough Sleeping Strategy will be considered by Scrutiny Coordination Board 4 at its meeting on the 14th November 2019.

Has it been, or will it be considered by any other Council Committee, Advisory Panel or other body?

No

Will this report go to Council?

No

Report title: Rough Sleeping Strategy 2019-2024

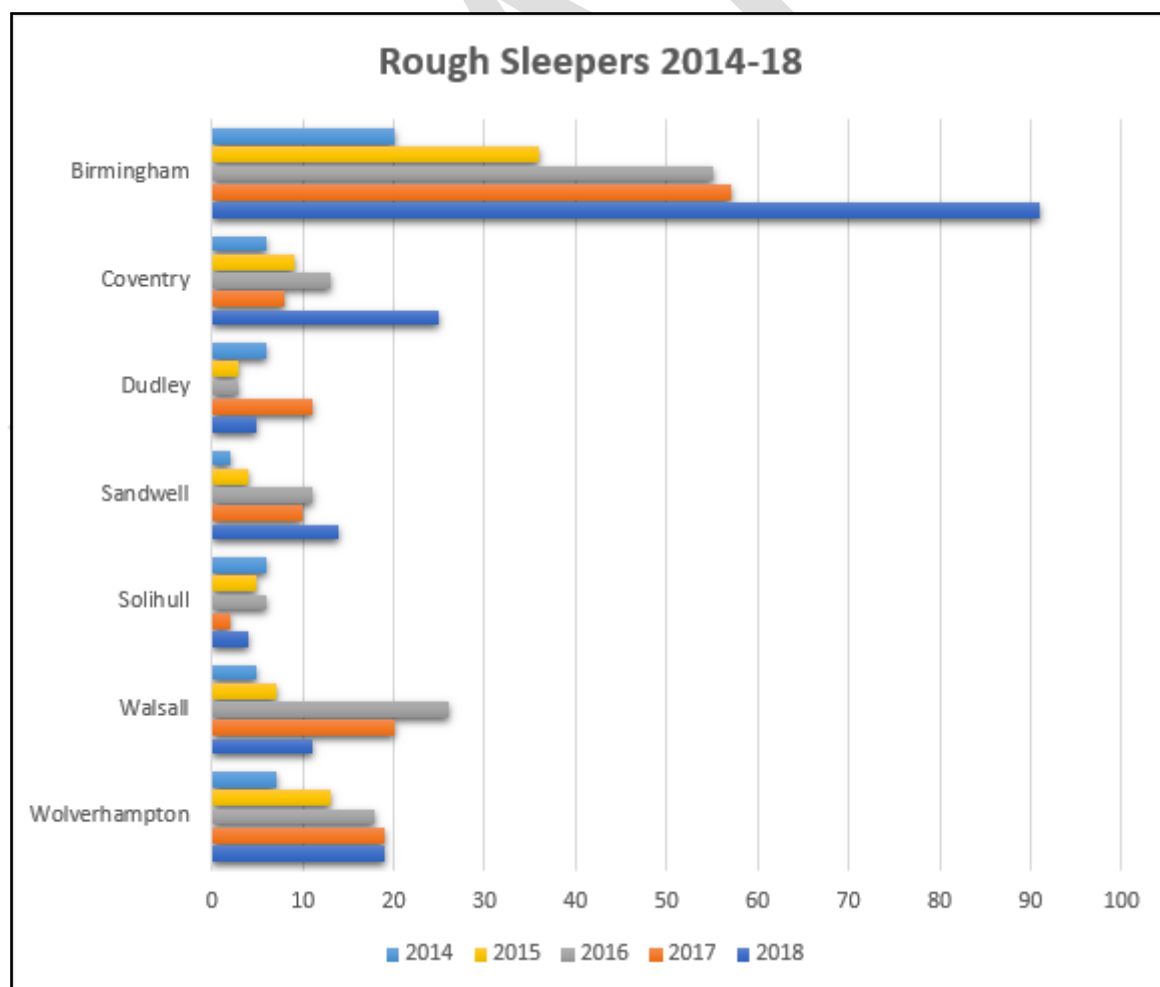
1. Context (or background)

1.1 The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) has made addressing rough sleeping in England a priority. They have committed to halve rough sleeping in this Parliament and to end it by 2027. MHCLG have produced their own Rough Sleeping Strategy and one of the requirements is for individual council's to develop their own strategies and action plans by December 2019. Further information on the Government's Rough Sleeping Strategy can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-rough-sleeping-strategy>.

1.2 Across England Government statistics show that there has been a 160% increase in rough sleeping since 2010. Coventry has also experienced a significant increase during this period and particularly during the last few years. Official figures demonstrate there has been an increase in numbers from 6 in 2014 to 25 in 2018. This represents a 316% increase in rough sleeping in Coventry over the last 5 years.

Table1 – The increase in the number of rough sleepers on a yearly basis since 2014 in across the West Midlands Combined Authorities



- 1.3 The Council welcomes the requirement for a Rough Sleeping Strategy and Action Plan. This will help raise the profile of the issues and challenges around rough sleeping whilst ensuring there is a planned approach to how we can effectively work together to ensure that no Coventry citizen has to bed down on the streets. The Strategy includes a target to eliminate rough sleeping in the city by 2022.
- 1.4 There is already exceptional commitment, passion, drive and innovation across the City to support and help our rough sleepers off the street. However, we recognise we need to be doing more, and in a more joined up way to ensure our actions are 'SMART' if we are going to meet our own and Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government aspiration to eradicate rough sleeping by 2027
- 1.5 The Rough Sleeping Strategy focuses on:
- The current position in the city.
 - Where we want to be.
 - What tools and services are already in place.
 - How we can maximise their impact.
 - What are the gaps and how we will address these.

These elements will be considered for current, future and hidden rough sleepers.

2. Options considered and recommended proposal

- 2.1 ***Option 1 is to implement a Rough Sleeping Strategy without Consultation.*** This is not recommended as an option. It would involve the Council choosing to implement the Rough Sleeping Strategy without consulting with Coventry's citizens, and other impacted stakeholders. To reduce rough sleeping in the City it is imperative that a partnership approach is in place as the Council's on its own cannot meet the challenge. This can only be achieved by involving and consulting with both, statutory, voluntary and community organisation, as well as rough sleepers.
- 2.2 ***Option 2 is to not publish a Rough Sleeping Strategy.*** This is not recommended as an option. Failure to publish a Rough Sleeping Strategy will be challenged by the Ministry of Housing, and Communities and Local Government which states that it is a requirement for individual council's to develop their own Rough Sleeping Strategies and Action Plans by December 2019.
- 2.3 ***Option 3 is to publish a rough sleeping Strategy and not implement the strategy.*** This is not recommended as an option. If we publish our Rough Sleeping Strategy and fail to implement the actions, it will impact on our reputation as it will appear that we are not committed and supportive of central governments aspiration of eradicating rough sleeping by 2027. Furthermore, public perception of our commitment as a local authority who is supportive and caring to the most vulnerable people in our society will be challenged.
- 2.4 ***Option 4 is to publish and implement the Rough Sleeping Strategy and Action Plan which has been consulted upon.*** This option is the recommend option. It meets the requirements to publish a Rough Sleeping Strategy by MHCLG and its creation has taken in the views and comments of the public, key stakeholders and

primarily the views of current and former rough sleepers. A partnership approach was used to develop the draft document and once agreed it will form the basis of co-ordinated and creative work across the city to eradicate rough sleeping in Coventry over the next 5 years.

3 Result of Consultation Undertaken

- 3.1 The development of the Draft Rough Sleeping Strategy and Action Plan was carried out in partnership with key external and internal stakeholders as well as ex-service users. The well attended discussions at the wider homelessness forum and workshop sessions that were held with key agencies directly working with and supporting rough sleepers, considered the citywide current position, what the collective vision was for rough sleeping with the actions and tools that would be needed to achieve the vision to end rough sleeping in Coventry.
- 3.2 Following approval by Councillor T Khan, Cabinet Member for Housing & Communities, on the 16th September 2019, a six week period of consultation was held between 18th September to 30th October 2019.
- 3.3 A key element of the consultation was to ensure alongside agency responses, that both the general public and current and former rough sleepers had the opportunity to feedback on the draft documents. Consultation was undertaken through the following channels and methods:
- The Let's Talk Engagement platform attracted 819 visits to the site and 254 responses/comments as well as 11 questions. Using the platform allowed us to effectively engage with the public and provided a space where people could contribute their thoughts and ideas as well as ask specific questions in relation to the strategy.
 - Face to face engagement with 18 people with experience of rough sleeping. This was conducted over two days (16th and 17th October 2019) at The Salvation Army, Harnell Lifehouse and Steps for Change, City Arcade, Coventry. People with first-hand experience of rough sleeping were asked for their views under the three principles as above.
 - Suggestion Boxes, xxxx responses, where anyone could leave comments of the draft Rough Sleeping Strategy were left at Steps for Change, Coventry Comfort Carers, Coventry Refugee and Migrant Centre.
 - Engagement with Coventry Homelessness Forum which is attended by key stakeholders supporting people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness on 6th September 2019.
 - Via social media (twitter / Facebook)
 - Direct Invitations to comment from partner agencies
 - Internal circulation of the strategy to all CCC employers and departments

Please see appendix C for full details of the consultation.

3.4 The key points raised through the consultation process included:

- To change the wording from Pillar to Principle.

- Formal development and subsequent recognition of the partnership to deliver the strategy and actions.
- That the vision is embedded and owned by all - One Coventry.
- Knowing how people can get help and give help.
- Enforcement should be used consistently and transparently.
- Language that is used should be positive and encouraging, not labelling and clinical.

Principle 1 - To prevent new people from starting to sleep rough.

- Better universal, information, advice and guidance for people at risk of rough sleeping, professionals and the public.
- More accessible affordable housing options for single people especially those under 35.
- Early intervention through tailored appropriate support when someone is at risk of rough sleeping.
- A need for joined up services when people are leaving hospital or prison.
- Person led, not service led, interventions when someone is in crisis.

Principle 2 - To intervene rapidly when people start to sleep rough to help them off the street

- Better supply of affordable housing options.
- More appropriate and a wider choice of emergency/ temporary options for people.
- Information sharing between agencies - I only want to tell my story once.
- The right help needs to be available quickly with easy access points and delivered in a joined-up way.

Principle 3 - To promote a person's recovery once they are off the street to build positive lives and so they do not return to rough sleeping.

- On-going support.
- More understanding from people / professionals.

- Help to find employment and access benefits.

4. Timetable for implementing this decision

- 4.1 If the recommendations of this report are approved, the Rough Sleeping Strategy would be adopted and come into effect immediately.

5. Comments from Director of Finance and Corporate Services

5.1 Financial implications

The funding to resource the work set out in the Rough Sleeping Strategy is primarily grant funding and includes Housing First, Rapid Housing Pathway grant and Rough Sleepers initiative as included in the table below. In addition, we currently purchase support for rough sleepers as part of the overall homelessness support contract. We are in the process of recommissioning this contract with an expanded specification for rough sleeper support. This is within the existing overall financial envelope.

Table showing confirmed grant funding 19/20 - 22/23

Funding Stream	2019/20 £000	2020/21 £000	2021/22 £000	2022/23 £000	Total £000
Housing First	506	416	357	364	1,643
Rapid Housing Pathway	129				129
Rough Sleepers Initiative	190				190
Total	825	416	357	364	1,962

Alongside the funded provision, there are a number of third sector and voluntary services available in the City. Including, but not limited to, a Winter Night Shelter, Foodbanks, STEPS for Change, a multi-agency drop in service, community-based outreach and several services that provide information and advice through charitable funding. The faith sector also offers information, support and guidance to people rough sleeping or inadequately housed.

The implementation of the strategy could have a financial impact on core funded housing and homelessness services within the city, due to the risk of increased activity in service and additional support to landlords to house rough sleepers. This should also be mitigated by the strategy through early universal advice to prevent people from sleeping rough, and through the revised specification for commissioned support service from April 20.

The grant funding position post March 20 is uncertain; however, it is expected that there will be further grant funding available aligned with the Government's Rough Sleeper Strategy (as outlined earlier in this report). If further funding is not available to bid into, the existing deployment of resources for Housing and

Homelessness would need to be reviewed to ensure the strategy remains deliverable.

5.2 Legal Implications

Waiting for Legal comments

6. Other implications

6.1 How will this contribute to the Council Plan (www.coventry.gov.uk/councilplan/)?

The introduction of a Rough Sleeper Strategy will contribute to meeting the priorities in the Corporate Plan, specifically;

- Locally Committed – protecting our most vulnerable people (including preventing homelessness and helping people who do become homeless).
- Locally Connected – Improve health and wellbeing
- Locally Connected – Reducing health inequalities.
- Globally Connected – reducing the impact of poverty
- Globally Connected – helping local into jobs

By working together as a partnership across the City with other organisations, community and faith groups the Rough Sleeping Strategy will enable rough sleepers to have alternative options than having to bed-down on the street. They will be known to organisations working with rough sleepers and services will be tailored to meet their needs in order to give opportunities to have access to affordable housing, appropriate health services, support given to maximise their finances and to access training and employment.

6.2 How is risk being managed?

There are no specific risks from the decision to adopt the Rough Sleeping Strategy 2019-24.

6.3 What is the impact on the organisation?

Officers will be expected to implement the final and agreed Rough Sleeping Strategy. The adoption of the new Rough Sleeping Strategy will ensure the council meets its statutory duty to publish its Rough Sleeping Strategy. It will also provide a formal platform to work with partners to eradicate rough sleeping and provide support to people who are currently rough sleeping or who are at risk of rough sleeping.

6.4 Equalities / EIA

Coventry City Council, Rough Sleeping Outreach Team report on the 29th October 2019, they have identified 62 who are presenting as rough sleeping. This is an increase from previous figures, but rough sleeping figures can only be a snap-shot at a period in time and can fluctuate. The majority were males; 92% were males

and 8% were females. Of which, 56% were White British, 39% were White European, 3% Black British and 2% were Black African. Ages of our rough sleepers are 16-24yrs 5%, 25-44yrs 65%, 45-49 yrs 11%, 60-64yrs 0%, 65-74yrs 1% and there were 18% where we did not know their ages.

By having a shared partnership approach to strive to eradicate rough sleeping in Coventry by 2022, will improve the wellbeing and life chances of people with protected characteristics, who are homeless or at risk of being homeless, and it will, therefore, have a positive impact.

The results of the formal round of consultation did flag mental well-being impairment is a feature within the cohort of rough sleepers and those who have experienced rough sleeping, therefore it is important that strong effective links are made with appropriate agencies who support people to overcome.

- 6.5 Should the Council find any discrimination, harassment and victimisation during the consultation process the Council will seek solutions to help eliminate but also methods for advancing equality of opportunity and fostering good relations between people. These methods may include adaptations to the Rough Sleeper Strategy and Action Plan and/or inform working practices during and after implementation.
- 6.6 In the development of the Rough Sleeping Strategy the Council have had due regard to the public sector equality duty under s149 of the Equality Act 2010. An Equalities and Consultation Analysis (ECA) Part 1 was carried out during the development of the Draft Rough Sleeping 2019-24. This has now been updated for the Final Rough Sleeping Strategy following the public consultation (Part 2).

6.7 Implications for (or impact on) climate change and the environment

There are no known implications (or impact on) the environment from the adoption of the Rough Sleeping Strategy 2019-24.

6.8 Implications for partner organisations?

There are positive implications for partner organisations. The Rough Sleeping Strategy 2019-24 highlights the role of partner organisations and the importance of collaborative working. A number of the actions set out in the action plan will be delivered by partner organisations if they are best placed to deliver positive outcomes.

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Coventry Partnership Rough Sleeping Strategy 2019-2024

1 Preface

- 1.1 The Rough Sleeping Strategy and its Action Plan are reflective of and intrinsically linked to the Council's Housing and Homelessness Strategy (2019-24). The two strategies need to be considered and delivered in tandem. The Housing and Homelessness Strategy sets the vision for housing in the city and our priorities. Under Theme 1 it describes developing measures to tackle rough sleeping and support vulnerable people who are (or are at risk of) rough sleeping and understanding the reasons for non-engagement.
- 1.2 The successful delivery of the Rough Sleeping Strategy and Action Plan is not in the Council's power alone. Therefore, a One Coventry partnership approach is the only way that we will be able to ensure successful realisation of our vision, therefore the strategy will need to be owned, supported and delivered by ensuring effective collaboration and partnership working.
- 1.3 The government defines rough sleeping as being a person who is 'bedded down' (sleeping/trying to sleep) or 'about to bed down' in the open air or another place not designed for habitation. This will include being on the street, in a doorway, park, derelict building, bus/train station, tent or car. A person's housing status is not relevant; the key criteria is that they have been found 'bedded down'/'about to bed down' in a place where someone ordinarily wouldn't try to sleep.
- 1.4 Very few people choose rough sleeping as a permanent lifestyle option. Many people will have held tenancies or been supported in specialist housing but have been unable to sustain or manage accommodation provided. This is often due to complex life experiences such as loss of job, family breakdown, bereavement, periods in care or prison, and serious health issues, or personal lifestyle choices such as substance misuse, criminal behaviour or street culture activities. These issues can often lead to a harmful cycle of multiple exclusions from services.
- 1.5 Rough sleeping is the most visible and acute form of homelessness. The life expectancy of long-term rough sleeper is 47yrs compared to 77yrs for the general population. Rough sleeping is emotive, and it generates public interest, which can be both negative and positive. Witnessing people sleeping rough can evoke negative feelings, which generate uncomfortable, challenging questions for individuals, as well as organisations.
- 1.6 Those affected most by rough sleeping are often hard to engage with, defensive, do not welcome intervention and often have deep rooted mistrust of statutory

organisations. However Rough sleeping is not in a single statutory function's ability to resolve. Partnership, joint accountability and responsibility are required.

2 Background

National

- 2.1 The Government requires Local Authorities to undertake a local Rough Sleepers count or estimate annually and to report the outcome to Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government.
- 2.2 The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government reported that “the total number of people counted or estimated to be sleeping rough on a single night in 2018 was 4,677. This was down by 74 people or 2% from the 2017 total of 4,751 and was up 2,909 people or 165% from the 2010 total of 1,768. The number of people sleeping rough increased by 146 or 13% in London and decreased by 220 or 6% in the rest of England. 64% were UK nationals, compared to 71% in 2017, 22% were EU nationals from outside the UK, compared to 16% in 2017, 3% were non-EU nationals, compared to 4% in 2017. 14% of the people recorded sleeping rough were women, the same as in 2017; and 6% were aged 25 years or under, compared to 8% in 2017.¹
- 2.3 The street counts, evidence-based estimates, and estimates informed by spotlight street counts aim to get as accurate a representation of the number of people sleeping rough as possible. Accurately counting or estimating the number of people sleeping rough within a local authority is inherently difficult given the hidden nature of rough sleeping. There are a range of factors that can impact on the number of people seen or thought to be sleeping rough on any given night. This includes the weather, where people choose to sleep, the date and time chosen, and the availability of alternatives such as night shelters.
- 2.4 The Government has made addressing rough sleeping a priority. It has committed to halve rough sleeping in this Parliament and to end it by 2027. In August 2018 The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government published the Governments Rough Sleeping Strategy.
(<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-rough-sleeping-strategy>)
- 2.5 The National Rough Sleeping Strategy is based around three ‘pillars’:
 1. To prevent new people from starting to sleep rough.
 2. To intervene rapidly when people start to sleep rough to help them off the street.
 3. To promote a person’s recovery once they are off the street to build positive lives and not return to rough sleeping.

¹ 1.0 Source: MHCLG Rough Sleeping Statistics Autumn 2018, England (Revised)
https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/781567/Rough_Sleeping_Statistics_2018_release.pdf

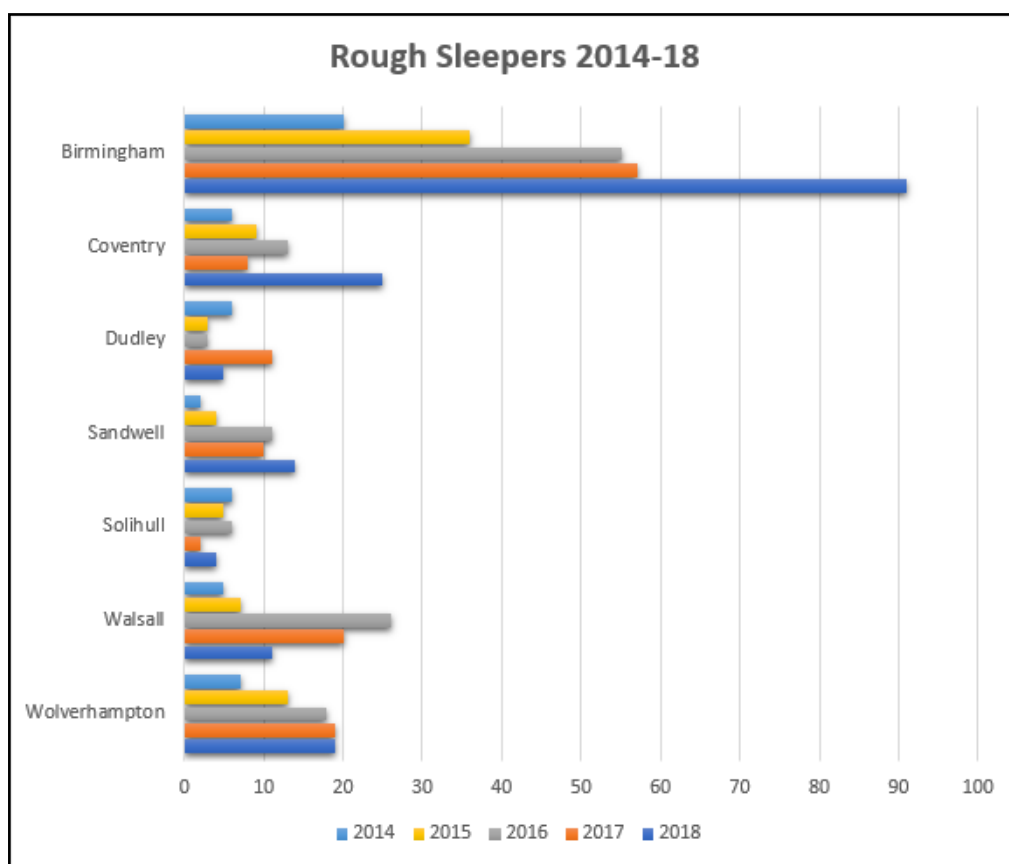
2.6 The national strategy emphasises the importance of local authorities forging strong partnerships with other public services, the third sector, the business sector, community groups, the public, people with lived experience of rough sleeping and current rough sleepers to tackle rough sleeping. One of the requirements is that individual councils and partners should develop their own Rough Sleeping Strategies and Action Plans by December 2019.

2.7 It also highlights the importance of the role of health services in tackling rough sleeping because of the high proportion of rough sleepers who suffer from mental ill-health, physical ill-health and addiction issues, the challenges rough sleepers face in accessing mainstream health services and the adverse health outcomes of sleeping rough including reduced life expectancy.

Coventry

2.8 Coventry has seen a significant increase in the number of rough sleepers since 2014. Official figures demonstrate there has been an increase in numbers from 6 in 2014 to 25 in 2018. This represents a 316% increase in rough sleeping in Coventry over the last 5 years.

Table1 – The increase in the number of rough sleepers on a yearly basis since 2014 across the West Midlands Combined Authorities



- 2.9 Table 1 compares the City with the West Midlands Combined Authority. The increase in the City is a greater proportional increase than that of the West Midlands Combined Authority in general, which has seen an increase of 128% over the same period.
- 2.10 The last official count for Coventry was in November 2018 and as illustrated in the above table there were 25 rough sleepers. Latest local intelligence suggests that the number of rough sleepers in Coventry has increased to 58 in July 2019.
- 2.11 We also know we have a cohort of individuals in the city that are not what would be defined as a genuine rough sleeper according to the definition. Instead, they are begging on our City streets to sadly supplement their income to support their lifestyle choices. Often these individuals have a tenancy or are in temporary or hostel type accommodation. This cohort can often distort people's perceptions of the wider issues and complexities around rough sleeping.
- 2.12 The British Legion report that the number of ex-service forces personnel who are rough sleeping is increasing. In Coventry, this group is not currently a significant number or concern. We are however committed to ensure they do not become a significant proportion of the rough sleeping cohort and we will ensure services are accessible and those working with rough sleepers understand the needs of this group.

3 Introduction to the Rough Sleeping Strategy

- 3.1 The delivery of the Rough Sleeping Strategy and Action Plan will directly support the Council plan and wider outcomes of the Council's partners including those related to community safety, protecting our most vulnerable people, health and wellbeing and social inclusion.
- 3.2 The Rough Sleeping Strategy and action plan, though independent documents, are intrinsically linked to the Council's Housing and Homelessness Strategy (2019-24). The Housing and Homelessness Strategy sets the vision for housing in the city and our priorities in terms of addressing housing need for all in terms of access and sustainability as well as supply. The successful delivery of the Housing and Homelessness Strategy will help to ensure that the actions needed to address the challenges regarding rough sleeping are achieved.
- 3.3 In line with the National Rough Sleeping Strategy, as a partnership we have designed our vision and defined our actions to work with rough sleepers using the 3 areas described as the **3 core pillars**:
- To prevent new people from starting to sleep rough.
 - To intervene rapidly when people start to sleep rough to help them off the street.

- To promote a person's recovery once they are off the street to build positive lives and not to return to rough sleeping.
- 3.4 It sets out our ambitions for the City over the next 5 years and details our aspirations. It highlights the need for all key stakeholders to work in partnership to provide a holistic approach to supporting rough sleepers and eradicating rough sleeping. With the collective aspiration being that the Rough Sleeping Strategy and Action Plan will be owned and delivered as a partnership in the City that promotes a common understanding that eradicating rough sleeping is everyone's role, both statutory and non-statutory, by working together to address the challenges we face.
- 3.5 Our action plan will support how we address the wider community's misconception and understanding about those who are genuinely rough sleeping. It will ensure businesses, stakeholders and members of the public know what to do if they encounter someone who is sleeping rough, what services are available and how collectively we can support rough sleepers whilst ensuring that our best intentions do not perpetuate the cycle that many of our rough sleepers find themselves in.

4 Current Position

- 4.1 We have seen an unprecedented increase in the numbers of rough sleepers in our City, as previously described in 2.8. This includes an increase in females with complex needs and lifestyles and needs that are not met by domestic abuse services and those with no recourse to public funds.
- 4.2 Through dialogue with partners and former rough sleepers we know that, alongside the increase in numbers, the complexities of the people sleeping rough have also changed with a large proportion having substance misuse and or mental health needs. Coventry City Council and its partners work hard within their limited resources to support those who are at risk of rough sleeping. However, the current provision is not able to meet the increase in demand. This coupled with austerity measures regarding reductions in other areas of public services, disproportionality low Local housing allowance (LHA) rates in the city in comparison to private sector rents, a lack of affordable accommodation as well as the roll out of Universal Credit have all contributed, and will continue to do so, to the increase in those who find themselves with no other option than sleeping on our City's streets.
- 4.3 Across Coventry, we have a range of services that are currently working tirelessly to address the challenges the City is facing. Some of these are public funded and there are a number of others which are provided on a charitable basis.
- 4.4 The Council has recently secured external funding from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government to fund 3 posts to specifically

work alongside our commissioned Assertive Outreach service, to help identify and support rough sleepers in Coventry into recovery, with one of the posts specifically working to identify, support and facilitate recovery of those rough sleepers with no recourse to public funds. These services went live in July 2019.

- 4.5 As a City we are part of the combined authority's Housing First pilot, whereby we have received funding to support up to 109 rough sleepers over the next 2 years. Housing First is designed to provide secure, appropriate accommodation to entrenched rough sleepers alongside the required wrap around support, so that the individual can transition from the street to a settled home. The first recipient of this service was during September 2019.
- 4.6 Alongside the funded provision, there are a wealth of charitable and voluntary services available in the City, including but not limited to; a Winter Night Shelter, Foodbanks, STEPS for Change (a multi-agency drop in service), community-based outreach and several services that provide information and advice through charitable funding. We also have a buoyant, committed faith sector that offers and provides a wealth of information, support and guidance to people rough sleeping or inadequately housed.
- 4.7 There is already exceptional commitment, passion, drive and innovation across the City to support and help our rough sleepers off the street. However, we recognise we need to be doing more, and in a more joined up way to ensure our actions are 'SMART' if we are going to meet our own and Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government aspiration to eradicate rough sleeping by 2027.
- 4.8 Sadly, there are individuals who position themselves to look like rough sleepers and display what can be described as aggressive begging and on occasions more serious criminal activity in public places. Though our main priority is to support rough sleepers off the street and into recovery by providing alternatives in terms of places to go when they are moved on, we also recognise that there will be at times the necessity to use enforcement powers to manage situations that are of an antisocial or criminal nature.

5 The Vision

- 5.1 Coventry is going through a period of change of where it will be in the spotlight; City of Culture 2021, European City of Sport 2019 and being a host city for the Commonwealth Games in 2022. We have exciting plans to change the City Centre – but over the last 10 years our funding from government has been halved, meaning we must change what we do and how we do it. We know we can't do this alone and we're lucky to have strong partnerships with businesses, community organisations and local people that are already helping us to deliver services differently. For us to be able to deliver our own and central government's aspiration of eradicating rough sleeping by 2027, the strong partnerships we have in the city will be key.

5.2 Our approach to housing and homelessness in the city is going through a period of change. We have a new Housing and Homelessness strategy that was adopted in the spring 2019; we are re-designing our housing related support services, with the new provision being in place by April 2020, and we are re-modelling our approach and provision of temporary accommodation. We have never been better placed in terms of commitment, skills and passion across the city, both internally and externally, to be able to really change the lives of people who live on our streets.

5.3 Our vision for the city and rough sleepers is simple:

We will eradicate rough sleeping in Coventry

And we will do this by:

As a city working creatively and collectively to prevent people from having to sleep rough and ensuring that every individual person who is sleeping on the street will receive support and advice to secure and maintain, safe suitable accommodation with the aim of eliminating rough sleeping in the city in 2022.

6 What do we need to do as a Partnership to achieve our vision for the City?

- 6.1 The Partnership have identified a range of long term actions/priorities that will help us achieve the City's vision; the priorities and actions are not the city councils alone and will be owned and delivered through the partnership.
- 6.2 Alongside our long-term priorities the Partnership have identified some key short terms actions that will be fundamental to delivering our longer-term vision and strategy. As a partnership, our immediate focus is to understand who our current genuine rough sleepers are, why they are rough sleeping and the complexities around this and what they need to support them into recovery.
- 6.3 Commissioned outreach services alongside other non-funded street outreach and intervention services, as well as our own Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government funded provision will be focusing in the immediate term on intelligence gathering – by understanding the reasons for and the needs of our current rough sleepers we will effectively be able to deliver our aspirations and priorities as outlined below for the longer term.

To prevent new people from starting to sleep rough

1. Early universal advice and information to seek to prevent people from needing to sleep rough will be available to all.
2. As a City we will develop robust discharge pathways to ensure that no-one leaves hospital with nowhere to go.
3. As a City we will ensure there are similar processes in place for those leaving prison.

4. As a City we will ensure that all agencies are clear and understand their obligations under the Duty to Refer to refer any individual who is homeless or threatened with homelessness to the Councils Homeless Service.
5. Through our multi-agency partnerships, the Partnership will ensure early identification of people at risk of rough sleeping and provide appropriate interventions.
6. The commissioned services will provide support and are accessible to those with complex needs and those who are at risk of rough sleeping.
7. Effective information sharing systems will be in place to enable a rapid response to those approaching crisis.
8. Advice and education regarding the signs, triggers and realities of rough sleeping for the wider public will be available, including in schools, colleges, and health and social care partners.
9. Policy decisions and changes will consider the impact on rough sleepers.
10. Our work with our combined authority colleagues will ensure we share best practice, raise awareness and where the opportunity arises, share resources to tackle rough sleeping across the region.

To intervene rapidly when people start to sleep rough to help them off the street

1. As a partnership we will have a case management approach to those rough sleeping in Coventry, which is shared and signed up to by all partners.
2. We will work collectively to understand the barriers those sleeping rough face in getting off the street. Once we have identified the barriers, we will work cohesively to remove them wherever possible.
3. All our rough sleepers will know what health care provision is available and how to access it.
4. Hot and cold weather provision will be in place and the public will be informed regarding what shelter and provision is available for rough sleepers in extreme elements.
5. We will work as a partnership to develop and provide drop-in and hub facilities in the City, which offer somewhere for rough sleepers to go.
6. Once identified, as a partnership we will work quickly to get rough sleepers into services, ensuring that the accommodation that we offer does not exacerbate their complexities.
7. Community safety and the police will where necessary use their enforcement powers where rough sleepers and their behaviours impact the public and issues and concerns will be dealt with swiftly, consistently and appropriately.
8. The Council will work with Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government to ensure effective use of the funding we have received to support those who find themselves on the street.
9. The partnership will work to coordinate all the efforts across the city to ensure we are not duplicating work and interventions with individuals to echo the One Coventry approach.

To promote a person’s recovery once they are off the street to build positive lives and so they do not return to rough sleeping

1. As a City partnership we will maximise the potential that Housing First offers to the City.
2. We will collectively provide a menu of options that best meets their individual needs when transitioning from rough sleeping to a settled home.
3. The Council will build relationships and develop agreements with both RSL landlords and the private rented sector, to support them if they house rough sleepers – including, in some cases, financial support.
4. There will be multi-agency case management approach to supporting a person to sustain their tenancy.
5. All partners will work with the individual so that they understand the consequences of their choice if they return to the streets, including in some cases prosecution.
6. Ex-rough sleepers will be supported to access employment and training opportunities.
7. Ex-rough sleepers will be supported to ensure are receiving full benefit entitlement.
8. Where an ex-rough sleeper has on-going health needs, they will know how they can access health care and any social care support.
9. As a City we will have an alternative giving scheme that provides an alternative for the public who want to give money to rough sleepers who are begging.

7 What Success Will Look like?

7.1 We will know that we are succeeding in addressing rough sleeping through our partnership strategy, if we are delivering our vision under the 3 core pillars. Success cannot be achieved by working in isolation. As we have stated throughout this strategy it is a partnership strategy and the responsibility and the ability to deliver it belongs to us all. We will be asking all key agencies, partners, statutory sector colleagues and the community sector to identify what they can do to support delivery of the Vision (see below) and we will use this to further inform our Action Plan.

7.2 The Rough Sleeping Action Plan will grow and change over time as the environment we are working in is forever changing and shifting.

7.3 But ***As a city we will eradicate rough sleeping***

We will do this by:

“As a city working creatively and collectively to prevent people from having to sleep rough and by ensuring that every individual person who is sleeping on the street will receive support and advice to secure and maintain, safe suitable accommodation with the aim of eliminating rough sleeping in the city in 2022”.

8 Monitoring Delivery

- 8.1 The requirement to publish a Rough Sleeping Strategy sits with the local authority. However, our One Coventry approach means that this is a Partnership Strategy. Accountability and the monitoring and scrutiny of its delivery will be equally through the city Council's internal governance structures and through our partnership forum.
- 8.2 Monitoring and review alongside the scrutiny of the delivery of the milestones will be carried out internally by our own Strategic Housing Board. Alongside this the homelessness partnership forum in the city will also provide oversight and ensure partnership accountability for its delivery.



Coventry City Council

Briefing note

To: Communities and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Board (4)

Date: 14th November 2019

Subject: Coventry Homefinder Review

1 Purpose of the Note

- 1.1 To provide recommendations for the Communities and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Board (4) on the Homefinder Review and consultation.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 The Communities and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Board (4) is recommended to:
- 1) Consider the engagement that has taken place already as part of the ongoing consultation
 - 2) Identify any comments or recommendations to be included as part of the consultation on the Homefinder Review

3 Information/Background

- 3.1 Whilst the Council no longer owns any housing itself, it is legally required to have a scheme that allocates social housing. In Coventry, this policy is called the Coventry Homefinder Policy.
- 3.2 A review of Coventry Homefinder began in June 2019 and between June and October 2019 there has been significant consultation activity with Registered Providers. There was overwhelming agreement that the review needed to be undertaken. A Steering Group was set up with Council Officers, nominated Registered Providers and a representative of the Welfare Forum Working Together Group. As part of the continued consultation process, a public consultation survey will be published from 11 November 2019 until 3 January 2020 to seek wider feedback on our proposals for change. Participants will be able to respond online using the Coventry Let's Talk website and using the paper survey in libraries and by request.
- In total there have been 4 workshops with 6 Registered Providers involved to review the current policy and develop a set of proposals for change. To support workshop discussions other feedback on the current policy has been received from the Homelessness Forum, the Frontline network and from the general public via the Let's Talk Engagement site.
- 3.3 The revised Coventry Homefinder Policy will then be presented to the Council's Cabinet in early 2020 for approval. The implementation of the revised policy is expected to be no later than Autumn 2020. Notification of the survey is being sent out through different routes, including everyone currently on the Homefinder register and via partners.

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Coventry City Council

Public report

REPORT BACK ON CONFERENCE/SEMINAR

REPORT TO: Communities and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Board (4)

REPORT OF: Conference visit to Antwerp

TITLE: The Role of Cities in the Integration of Refugees and Migrants

DATE: 12th and 13th June 2019

VENUE: KAVA, Antwerp, Belgium

1. **Recommendation:** The Communities and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Board (4) is recommended to note the contents of the report and welcome and support the fact that the learning from the Antwerp visit will be used to influence the future direction of the MiFriendly Cities Project.
2. **Background:** The conference was attended by the Programme Manager for Migration and the Programme officer from the MiFriendly Cities Project. The City Council is the Main Urban Authority for this EU-funded Project, co-ordinating the delivery of an innovative programme of initiatives facilitating and appreciating the contribution of refugees and migrants. As a part of the Council's role is to facilitate knowledge transfer, the Council is expected to share its learning and to learn from other countries and projects supporting the integration of refugees and migrants. We are funded to visit at least 3 other countries to undertake this knowledge transfer, as well as hosting events in the City. This visit was the first one with further visits planned for next year to meet our commitments to learn from and share our experiences with other cities.

The visit to the City of Antwerp was attended to enable them to share their experience and learning to allow us to learn about wider initiatives and the specific progress and lessons learnt from a number of other EU funded projects (particularly Vienna, Utrecht and Bologna). More information about these projects can be found on UIA's website <https://uia-initiative.eu/en/uia-cities>.

The main focus of the event was the CURANT project in Antwerp with an interactive site visit included. Additionally, the programme included opportunities for participating cities to share their experience and understand the success of various projects focused around integrating refugees and migrants into urban communities.

3. Cost of attending

	Costs Approved by Cabinet/Cabinet Member	Total of Actual Costs
Conference Fees	0	
Flights	300	500
Additional Travel Expenses		50
Accommodation	500	230
Subsistence		33
Totals	800	813

4. Benefits

The conference was a very good opportunity to network with other cities and projects. The visit allowed us to:

- 1) Network with over 30 organisations from across the EU.
- 2) Get an invitation to attend Euro Cities to be able to consider future participation.
- 3) Learn about initiatives in other cities with the possibility of using some of these for future funding bids.
- 4) Raising the profile of the city by inviting these cities to the Interim Event for the MiFriendly Cities Project, delivered in partnership with this year's Rising Global Forum.

List of background papers.

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Agenda Item 7

Communities and Neighbourhoods Work Programme 2019-20

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11th July 2019
- Highways Infrastructure Asset Management Plan - Housing and Homelessness Update
19th September 2019
- Flood risk management and drainage update report - Preparations for Christmas Waste collections 2019 - Fly-tipping
14th November 2019 (moved from 21st)
- Social Housing Allocations (Coventry Homefinder Review) - Rough Sleeping Strategy
19th December 2019
- Recycling Update - Improving Recycling rates in Coventry - Recycled Road Surface Materials
23rd January 2020
- Safer Speed City - Temporary Accommodation Charging Policy - Outcome of the Christmas Waste Collection
20th February 2020
- Rough Sleeping update (including Housing First) - Implementation of the Homelessness Reduction Act (HRA) - Outcome of the recommissioning of Homelessness Services - Update on building new Social Housing
26th March 2020
- Ignite Programme - Average Speed Enforcement Cameras in the City Progress Update. - Traffic Lights in the City
Date to be decided
Housing Development Infrastructure City Centre Parking Street Cleansing Social Housing Supply Public Realm work Residents Parking Zones Electric Vehicle Charging Homelessness Strategy progress Planning in Coventry Temporary Accommodation Charging Policy Flytipping Surveillance Project – Autumn 2020

Date	Title	Detail	Cabinet Member/ Lead Officer
11th July 2019	- Highways Infrastructure Asset Management Plan	That the Highway Infrastructure Asset Management Plan be considered by Scrutiny prior to its formal consideration and adoption by Cabinet. To include the risk management policy and an update on maintenance of the Ring Road.	Neil Cowper Danny Rawle Cllr Hetherton
	- Housing and Homelessness Update	To include update on the Housing and Homelessness Strategy and the Homelessness Reduction Act and Housing First.	David Ashmore Jim Crawshaw Cllr T Khan
19th September 2019	- Flood risk management and drainage update report	An annual update on the flood risk management programme	Tracey Cowley Cllr Hetherton
	- Preparations for Christmas Waste collections 2019	To scrutinise plans for the Christmas Waste Collection.	Andrew Walster Sarah Elliot Cllr Hetherton
	- Fly-tipping	To receive an update on fly-tipping rates in the city and measures being taken to dissuade fly-tipping.	Craig Hickin Cllr AS Khan
14th November 2019 (moved from 21st)	- Social Housing Allocations (Coventry Homefinder Review)	To consider the supply and allocation of social housing, including supporting potential foster carers to provide extra bedrooms for LAC, an issue referred from SB2.	Jim Crawshaw Adrienne Bellingeri Cllr T Khan
	- Rough Sleeping Strategy	Scrutiny to comment as part of the consultation process with a Cabinet report due on 10 th December	Jim Crawshaw Cllr T Khan
19th December 2019	- Recycling Update	To look at proposals for a new recycling plant	Andrew Walster Cllr Hetherton
	- Improving Recycling rates in Coventry	To look at what is being done to improve recycling rates in Coventry	Andrew Walster Cllr Hetherton
	- Recycled Road Surface Materials	To find out progress on the current trial following from the item on the 19 th December 2018	Neil Cowper Cllr Hetherton

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Date	Title	Detail	Cabinet Member/ Lead Officer
23rd January 2020	- Safer Speed City	Following consideration of the draft criteria for a policy the Board requested to receive the Cabinet Member report with the final policy	Joel Logue
	- Temporary Accommodation Charging Policy	To update on the consultation taking place on the temporary accommodation charging policy.	Jim Crawshaw Cllr T Khan
	- Outcome of the Christmas Waste Collection	To update on the outcomes of the Christmas Waste Collection.	Andrew Walster Sarah Elliot Cllr Hetherton
20th February 2020	- Rough Sleeping update (including Housing First)	Following the HRA report in July 2019, Member requested an update on rough sleeping, including the impact which additional staffing has made to reducing Rough Sleeping and the outcome of the 2019 Rough Sleeper Count.	Jim Crawshaw Cllr T Khan
	- Implementation of the Homelessness Reduction Act (HRA)	Following an item in July 2019, Members requested a further 6 months progress update – to include information on how much money has been paid for deposits for Landlords. Could include a general update on the Homelessness Strategy	Jim Crawshaw Cllr T Khan
	- Outcome of the recommissioning of Homelessness Services	To inform Members of the outcome of the recommissioning of homelessness services including mobilisation timescales.	Jim Crawshaw Cllr T Khan
	- Update on building new Social Housing	To invite Citizen and to include who is building what, where and when properties are will be be available.	Jim Crawshaw Cllr T Khan
26th March 2020	- Ignite Programme	This is a 5-year programme which is coming to a close – Members have requested an update on the work and the outcomes from the programme. The project has appointed an evaluator so they will report	Helen Shankster, Jane Moffett, Sue Frossell Emma Bates/ Sue Bent, Coventry Law Centre

Date	Title	Detail	Cabinet Member/ Lead Officer
	- Average Speed Enforcement Cameras in the City Progress Update.	To look at the effectiveness of ASE Cameras following a 12-months after implementation on Ansty Road and London Road. To include a representative from WMP	Joel Logue
	- Traffic Lights in the City	To receive an update on the traffic light replacement programme, with a particular focus on the use of sensors to improve traffic flow.	Ben Gray
Date to be decided	Housing Development Infrastructure	To look at proposals for planned housing developments and infrastructure. Specifically, to look at the timetabling of these developments and associated roads and infrastructure which will be required to support population growth and movement. To seek assurances that infrastructure will be in place before homes are occupied.	Colin Knight/ Mark Andrews
	City Centre Parking	To look at city centre parking at an appropriate time including the Restricted Parking Zones.	Colin Knight
	Street Cleansing	To look at street cleansing in the City in preparation for City of Culture 2021.	
	Social Housing Supply	To look at how the Council can support social landlords to build social housing. Also to cover progress on a social landlords forum	
	Public Realm work	To consider plans for work to improve the public realm, including budgets	Andrew Walster Cllr Hetherton
	Residents Parking Zones		
	Electric Vehicle Charging	A review of the installation and usage of electric vehicle charging points across the city	Colin Knight Cllr O'Boyle/ Hetherton
	Homelessness Strategy progress	Temporary Accommodation Charging Policy, Discharge into the Private Rented Sector, Rough Sleeping Strategy	
	Planning in Coventry	To look at the planning process in Coventry including	

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Date	Title	Detail	Cabinet Member/ Lead Officer
	Temporary Accommodation Charging Policy		Jim Crawshaw Cllr T Khan
	Flytipping Surveillance Project – Autumn 2020	At their meeting on 19 th September, the Board received a report on a pilot project for surveillance of flytipping hot spots. Members requested evaluation information when available	Craig Hickin Martin McHugh

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