



To: Coventry Health and Wellbeing Board

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From: David Ashmore, Director of Housing and Transformation, Coventry City Council

Title: Housing and Homelessness Strategy

1 Purpose

1.1 This paper informs the Board about the City Council's Housing and Homelessness Strategy.

2 Recommendations

The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to:

1. Support a partnership approach to further developing the city's response to Housing and Homelessness; and
2. Consider the overlap and synergies between Housing and Homelessness priorities and the work of the Health and Wellbeing Board at a future board meeting.

3 Context

3.1 In March 2019 the Council approved a new Housing and Homelessness Strategy and Action Plan covering the period 2019-2024. The strategy can be read [online](#).

3.2 The Strategy is divided into 4 themes:

- Preventing Homelessness and Supporting Homeless Households
- Housing Development
- Improving the use of existing homes
- Supporting people and communities

3.3 The Housing Strategy and Homelessness Strategy have been combined into one document, which reflects the fact that activities to prevent homelessness are dependent on the availability of additional housing, an improvement in the management and quality of existing housing, and the advice and support available to people who need it to successfully maintain their home.

3.4 The Strategy was informed by a period of consultation in November and December 2018.

4 Proposal

- 4.1 The Council wishes to work with partners to further develop the Strategy and Action Plan, with joint ownership across public, private, voluntary and community organisations in the city.
- 4.2 The Council is also required to create and agree a Rough Sleeping Strategy by Winter 2019, presenting a further opportunity to work and develop this in partnership.

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