



To: Coventry Health and Wellbeing Board

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From: Jim Crawshaw, Head of Housing Coventry City Council

Title: Housing and Homelessness One Coventry Approach

1 Purpose

This paper provides background information about the Housing and Homelessness item and outlines the recommendations for that item.

2 Recommendations

The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to:

1. Consider the impact of Housing and Homelessness issues on the wider health and wellbeing of Coventry residents.
2. Endorse the development of greater partnership working on Housing and Homelessness issues.
3. Contribute to the creation of a city-wide 'One Coventry' Housing and Homelessness Strategy, and the Rough Sleeping Strategy.

3 Background

The Housing and Homelessness Strategy 2019-2024 was adopted by Coventry City Council on 19 March 2019 following a period of consultation with partners and service users in winter 2018/19. The Strategy and the associated Action Plan are now being implemented by the Council with support from existing partners.

It has been noted that the current strategy and action plan largely relates to Council activity, with all actions assigned to internal Council departments. There are opportunities to take a more overt One Coventry approach to the delivery of the Housing & Homelessness Strategy, which already requires partnership working between the Council, other public sector organisations, Registered Providers and the voluntary/community sector.

At the same time the need to develop a Rough Sleeping strategy by winter 2019 provides an opportunity to work with partners on a key issue facing the city.

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