

# Performance, Finance and Customer Focus Overview and Scrutiny Committee



Date of meeting:	07 October 2020
Title of Report:	<b>The impact of COVID-19 on Homelessness in Plymouth</b>
Lead Member:	Councillor Chris Penberthy (Cabinet Member for Housing and Co-operative Development)
Lead Strategic Director:	Craig McArdle (Strategic Director of People)
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Your Reference:	Homelessness PFCOSC
Key Decision:	No
Confidentiality:	Part I - Official

## Purpose of Report

The Performance, Finance and Customer Focus Overview Scrutiny Committee has requested this report giving an overview of homelessness in Plymouth.

This report sets out the impact of COVID-19 on homelessness in the city, provides data to demonstrate the levels of homelessness in the city and explains how we are addressing these through partnership working.

## Recommendations and Reasons

That the committee notes the briefing on the impact of COVID-19 on homelessness in the city and our mitigation plans in response.

## Alternative options considered and rejected

Not applicable, this is a briefing report.

## Relevance to the Corporate Plan and/or the Plymouth Plan

This briefing supports the Corporate Plan as a caring council supporting the prevention and relief of homelessness and the Plymouth Plan as Plymouth's single, integrated and holistic strategic plan which includes the Plymouth policy elements of the statutory Plymouth and South West Devon Joint Local Plan. This strategy brings together all aspects of housing in an attempt to tackle both place and people based issues in a holistic way: the quantity and quality of housing in the city and the wider social issues that can lead to housing issues and homelessness.

## Implications for the Medium Term Financial Plan and Resource Implications:

Not applicable, this is a briefing report.

### Carbon Footprint (Environmental) Implications:

None identified.

### Other Implications: e.g. Health and Safety, Risk Management, Child Poverty:

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### Sign off:

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Originating Senior Leadership Team member: Matt Garrett, Service Director for Community Connections											

Please confirm the Strategic Director(s) has agreed the report? Yes

Date agreed: 25/09/2020

Cabinet Member approval: Councillor Chris Penberthy (Cabinet Member for Housing and Co-operative Development) – approved by e mail Date approved: 25/09/2020