

Housing and Community Service Scrutiny Panel



Date of meeting:	05 February 2025
Title of Report:	Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Update Jan 2025
Lead Member:	Councillor Chris Penberthy (Cabinet Member for Housing, Cooperative Development, and Communities)
Lead Strategic Director:	Gary Walbridge (Strategic Director for Adults, Health and Communities)
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Key Decision:	No
Confidentiality:	Part I - Official

Purpose of Report

To provide an overview of the homelessness challenges in Plymouth and the coordinated response to address the challenges for the information and consideration of the Scrutiny Committee

Recommendations and Reasons

To note the report

Alternative options considered and rejected

N/A

Relevance to the Corporate Plan and/or the Plymouth Plan

Plymouth Plan Policy HEA8 - "Focusing on the tackling and prevention of homelessness, including rough sleeping, and its wider impact."

Also relates to the following in the Corporate Plan: Minimise the impact of the cost-of-living crisis and build more homes – for social rent and affordable ownership.

Keep Young People, Children and Adults Protected/ Focus on Prevention and Early Intervention/
Reduced Health Inequalities and Helping People Feel Safe in Plymouth

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

The use of B&B and holiday lets to meet the Council's statutory homelessness duties continues to place financial pressure on revenue budgets. This has been managed within the MTFP and uplifted Grant will support this.

Financial Risks

An increase in demand for temporary accommodation by statutory homeless households could increase the use of expensive nightly paid accommodation and place additional financial pressure on revenue budgets

Carbon Footprint (Environmental) Implications:

None

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

** When considering these proposals members have a responsibility to ensure they give due regard to the Council's duty to promote equality of opportunity, eliminate unlawful discrimination and promote good relations between people who share protected characteristics under the Equalities Act and those who do not.*

Access to good quality and suitable temporary accommodation supports the health and wellbeing needs of homeless households and those rough sleeping

Appendices

**Add rows as required to box below*

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a	Briefing Report: Homelessness and RS Update							

Background papers:

**Add rows as required to box below*

Please list all unpublished, background papers relevant to the decision in the table below. Background papers are unpublished works, relied on to a material extent in preparing the report, which disclose facts or matters on which the report or an important part of the work is based.

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Sign off:

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Originating Senior Leadership Team member: Gary Walbridge (Strategic Director for Adults, Health and Communities)

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

Date agreed: 28/01/2025

Cabinet Member approval: Cllr Penberthy (Cabinet Member for Housing, Cooperative Development, and Communities) by e mail

Date approved: 28/01/2025