

# Cabinet



Date of meeting: 12 May 2025  
 Title of Report: **Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Update May 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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 Your Reference:  
 Key Decision: No  
 Confidentiality: Part I - Official

## Purpose of Report

This report is to update cabinet on our current homelessness statistics and the plans that are in place to relieve and reduce homelessness.

## Recommendations and Reasons

To note the report.

## Alternative options considered and rejected

No alternatives considered, the report is for noting.

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

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. There are no financial implications as a result of this report.

## Financial Risks

An increase in demand for temporary accommodation by statutory homeless households could increase the use of expensive nightly paid accommodation and financial pressure on revenue budgets. This reports sets out some of the plans to mitigate these possible increases

There are no financial implications as a result of this report

## Legal Implications

(Provided by AC)

None.

There are no implications from this report

*\* 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.

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**Sign off:**

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Originating Senior Leadership Team member: Matt Garrett

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

Date agreed: 07/05/2025

Cabinet Member approval: Councillor Chris Penberthy (Cabinet Member for Housing, Cooperative Development, and Communities)

Date approved: 07/05/2025