Key Decision Details

Decision Name	Homelessness & Rough Sleeping Strategy 2026-2031
Date of Decision	17 November 2026
Decision maker	Cabinet
Describe the Decision taken	The Cabinet has 1.1. approved the Homelessness & Rough Sleeping Strategy 2026-2031 as a consultation draft; and 1.2. delegated authority to the Corporate Director – Communities, in consultation with the Executive Councillor for Resident Services & Corporate Performance, to: a) adopt the Homelessness & Rough Sleeping Strategy 2026 unless there are major issues raised at the consultation stage that require reconsideration by Cabinet; b) make administrative or minor changes to the Strategy, within the life of the Strategy. To include amendments in response to changes in legislation or Government

	programmes that do not constitute a major shift in the Strategy's direction; and c) approve an annual Action Plan that accompanies the Strategy. The Action Plan being an operational plan that has actions linked to the approved strategic priorities.
What were the reasons for taking the Decision?	There is a statutory requirement for all housing authorities to publish a Homelessness Strategy every 5 years. The Council's last strategy was completed in 2021 and is therefore due again.
What alternative options were considered and rejected?	The Council must publish a revised Strategy every 5 years to fulfil its statutory duties. Having a current Strategy would mean that the Council is complying with the Homelessness Act 2002.
Conflict of interest and dispensation	
Is the decision a Key Decision?	Yes
Was the decision included in the Forward Plan	Yes
Was the decision subject to the urgency proceedings?	No
List the background papers to any report considered	

by the Decision Taker	
Person Making this report	Jon Collen, Housing Needs Manager
Decision will be effective the day after call-in expires. Call-in expires on	25 November 2026
Accompanying Documents	Homelessness Strategy Report Homelessness Strategy Appendix 1 Homelessness Strategy Appendix 2