

O & S Panel (E, C & P) – 5th November 2026
Cabinet – 17th November 2026

Report by:
Housing Needs & Resources Manager

Lead Cllr:
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Services & Corporate Performance



Wards	Open / Exempt	Key Decision?
All	Open	Yes

Homelessness & Rough Sleeping Strategy 2026-2031 – Consultation Draft

Executive Summary: This report sets out the statutory need to complete a review of homelessness and produce a strategy, explaining how the Council intends to address homelessness issues within the district. It is also a statutory requirement to consult widely before formally adopting a Strategy and the purpose of this report is to seek approval to consult on this Strategy before formal adoption.

The Strategy has four main purposes:

1. To address the causes of homelessness in the area;
2. To introduce initiatives to prevent homelessness wherever possible;
3. To ensure that the Council provides sufficient temporary accommodation for those households that are or may become homeless; and
4. To ensure that appropriate support is available for people who have previously experienced homelessness in order to prevent it happening again.

The Strategy identifies five main priorities that our work will focus on delivering. These are:

Priority 1: Prevent homelessness through earlier intervention and targeted support.

Priority 2: Provide high-quality, person-centred homelessness services.

Priority 3: Reduce rough sleeping and support recovery.

Priority 4: Increase access to safe, suitable and sustainable housing.

Priority 5: Develop strong partnerships and place lived experience at the heart of service delivery.

Recommendations

Overview & Scrutiny (Environment, Communities & partnerships) is recommended to:

- 1.1. Review and comment on the Homelessness & Rough Sleeping Strategy 2026-2031 - consultation draft.