


REPORT TO SELECT COMMITTEE FOR POLICY REVIEW

16 April 2019

Subject:	The Council's Approach to Addressing Homelessness
Director:	Director of Law and Governance and Monitoring Officer
Contribution towards Vision 2030:	
Exempt Information Ref:	The information contained in this report is not exempt from publication.
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DECISION RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Select Committee for Policy Review:

1. consider and comment upon the information presented to it.

1 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 The Chair requested a report on the Council's approach to addressing homelessness in Sandwell. Officers will attend the meeting to present information to the Select Committee.

2 IMPLICATION FOR THE VISION 2030

- 2.1 Addressing homelessness can support the following ambitions of Vision 2030:

Ambition 1 - Sandwell is a community where our families have high aspirations and where we pride ourselves on equality of opportunity and on our adaptability and resilience.

Ambition 2 – Sandwell is a place where we live healthy lives and live them for longer and where those of us who are vulnerable feel respected and cared for.

Ambition 5 – Our communities are built on mutual respect and taking care of each other, supported by all the agencies that ensure we feel safe and protected in our homes and local neighbourhoods.

Ambition 10 – Sandwell now has a national reputation for getting things done, where all local partners are focused on what really matters in people's lives and communities.

3 BACKGROUND AND MAIN CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.1 The report was requested by the Chair of the Select Committee for Policy Review.

4 THE CURRENT POSITION

- 4.1 Further information will be presented to the Select Committee.

5 CONSULTATION (CUSTOMERS AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS)

- 5.1 No consultation has been carried out for this report.

6 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 6.1 If the Select Committee does not take the opportunity to consider the presentation on this topic then any potential recommendations would not be identified.

7 STRATEGIC RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 There are no strategic resource implications arising directly from this report.

8 LEGAL AND GOVERNANCE CONSIDERATIONS

- 8.1 Information on key legislation relating to the Council's responsibilities in relation to homelessness will be presented to the Select Committee at the meeting.

9 EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 9.1 No equality impact assessment is required for this report.

10 DATA PROTECTION IMPACT ASSESSMENT

10.1 There are no data protection implications arising directly from this report as it does not relate to personal information.

11 CRIME AND DISORDER AND RISK ASSESSMENT

11.1 There are no crime and disorder implications arising directly from this report.

12 SUSTAINABILITY OF PROPOSALS

12.1 There are no specific sustainability issues associated with this report.

13 HEALTH AND WELLBEING IMPLICATIONS (INCLUDING SOCIAL VALUE)

13.1 Housing is key to improving wellbeing and health outcomes for our residents.

14 IMPACT ON ANY COUNCIL MANAGED PROPERTY OR LAND

14.1 There is no impact on any Council managed property or land arising directly from this report.

15 CONCLUSIONS AND SUMMARY OF REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

15.1 The Select Committee is invited to consider the information presented to it.

16 BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.

17 APPENDICES

None.

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