

Councillor Crilly's questions and responses from the Head of Housing.

**1. *What is the timetable for the completion and implementation of both the rough-sleeping and homelessness strategies?***

We have started the process with this Green Paper to Overview and Scrutiny Committee. We will consult with the Homelessness voluntary sector at their umbrella group "HOSTS" on 19<sup>th</sup> July. We will then feedback responses and develop this further with Overview and Scrutiny Committee and seek the views of the Health and Well Being Board which has representatives from key partner agencies. Recommendations will then be taken to Cabinet

**2. *Who will be consulted on this and by what means?***

Please see above

**3. *What exactly is being consulted on, given that the report suggests that government funding has been already been secured for specific items and the priorities are set out***

The headline Strategy is set out in Section 3.12 for comment

**4. *Pg 55 3.1: Swindon's Rough sleeper count for 2017 was 45 - why is this number not used here?***

The number is historic as more recent counts and evidence from the multi-agency Rough Sleeper Panel show it to be considerably lower. Therefore the number of 45 is historic not particularly helpful

**5. *Pg 58 3.12 Why do the proposals not include a "No Second Night on the street" policy?***

No second night out relates to a previous Government policy. However this is covered by the draft priority of ensuring that no-one should return to the streets

**6. *Why has there been no consideration being given to a day-centre for rough-sleepers?***

The idea of a Day-Centre has previously been linked with the development of proposals for a further Temporary Winter Housing Provision for 2018/19. This will form part of our consultation with HOSTS

**7. *3.12.3- Outreach services - How does this build on or differ from the current outreach service?***

We are looking to re-commission the Outreach Service with refreshed outcomes that relate to the new Rough Sleeper Reduction Strategy

**8. 3.12.6**

***What does the support for rough-sleeper component of this actually look like?***

***What assurances can be given that this money will be used to directly support rough sleepers rather than to cleanse the town centre of rough sleepers?***

All of the funding available under the successful Rough Sleeper Fund Bid will be used to support the homeless. This will provide support based on broad "Housing First" principles. This is direct support to individuals in their new homes that will enable them to sustain their new tenancies. For example, help with their Universal Credit claim, seeking work, volunteering or training opportunities, encouraging them to keep health related appointments, basic advice about running their own home and looking after themselves.