

References from Other Council Bodies

Health and Wellbeing Board - Homeless Prevention and Reduction Strategy

Cabinet

Date: 22nd April 2020

Author: Cabinet Member for Housing and Public Safety, and Chief Legal Officer

Wards: All

Parishes Affected: All

1. Purpose and Reasons

- 1.1 To consider a matter referred to Cabinet from the meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Board held on 11th March 2020.
- 1.2 As set out in the Board's Terms of Reference, "The Board will operate in accordance with the Council's existing decision-making framework and normal council budget setting processes. A decision to exercise any further local authority functions by the Health and Wellbeing Board would therefore need to be taken by the appropriate decision-making body (e.g. Cabinet or Council), and a further report would be required for this."
- 1.3 This strategy links to:
 - 1.3.1 The Council's Priority four: Help people to help themselves while always protecting our most vulnerable children and adults.
 - 1.3.2 Health and Wellbeing Strategy: Priority outcome 2 (adults and older people in Swindon are living healthier and more independent lives); Priority 3 (to improve health outcomes for disadvantaged and vulnerable communities, including adults with long terms conditions, learning disabilities, physical disabilities or mental health problems); and Priority 4 (to improve mental health, wellbeing and resilience for all) as set out in the Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

2. Recommendations

That Cabinet recommends

- 2.1 That the Director of Housing, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Housing and Public Safety, make the amendments to the draft Homeless Prevention and Reduction Strategy 2020-2024 as discussed at the Health and Wellbeing Board on 11th March 2020,

That Cabinet recommends that Council (Minute for Confirmation)

- 2.2 Subject to the completion of the amendments in 2.1 above, that Council agree the recommendation of the Health and Wellbeing Board at its meeting on 11th

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March 2020: "that Swindon Borough Council's Cabinet adopt the Homeless Prevention and Reduction Strategy 2020-2024."

3. Detail

Swindon Borough Council's Reducing Rough Sleepers Strategy

- 3.1 At its meeting on 11th March 2020 the Health and Wellbeing Board considered a report from the Council's Head of Housing on the adoption of the draft Homeless Prevention and Reduction Strategy.
- 3.2 The Board resolved:
 - 3.2.1 (1) That, subject to the inclusion of the comments made by this Board, Swindon Borough Council's Homeless Prevention and Reduction Strategy 2020-2024 be approved.
 - 3.2.2 (2) That Swindon Borough Council's Cabinet be recommended to adopt the Homeless Prevention and Reduction Strategy 2020-2024.
- 3.3 A copy of the report is attached at Appendix 1 along with a copy of the draft Strategy document at Appendix 2. The draft Minute is attached at Appendix 3.
- 3.4 The strategy is being proposed as a Minute for Confirmation on the basis that Council has previously approved a Homeless Strategy for the Borough (Council Minute 118, 2007/08 refers).

4. Alternative Options

- 4.1 It is a matter for Cabinet as to whether the recommendation of the Health and Wellbeing Board is supported.

5. Implications, Diversity Impact Assessment and Risk Management

Financial and Procurement Implications

- 5.1 This report has no financial or procurement implications. The financial and/or procurement implications of the report to the Health and Wellbeing Board are addressed in that report (attached at Appendix 1).
- 5.2 Any requirement additional funding as a result of this strategy will need to be approved at a future Cabinet and funded from within existing budgets.

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Legal and Human Rights Implications

- 5.3 Legal and Human Rights considerations have been taken fully into account in compiling this report. It is considered that the recommendations of this report are compatible with convention rights. The legal and human rights considerations of the report to the Health and Wellbeing Board are addressed in that report (attached at Appendix 1).

Climate Change Impact

- 5.4 Swindon Borough Council is committed to building sustainable, energy and thermally efficient homes that are resilient to climate change. It will achieve this by creating great places to live, in mixed and balanced communities and contribute towards the Council's ambition towards net zero carbon.
- 5.5 Improving the quality of housing across various sectors will contribute towards increased energy efficient homes.

All Other Implications (including Staff, Sustainability, Health, Rural, Crime and Disorder)

- 5.6 This report has no additional implications to be addressed.

Diversity Impact Assessment

- 5.7 A Diversity Impact Assessment (DIA) has been undertaken for this strategy and is available from the Director of Housing. The Homeless Prevention and Reduction Strategy will have a positive effect on all living in Swindon's community.

Risk Management

- 5.8 Without adopting a Homeless Strategy the Council would not be compliant with the statutory obligations contained within the Homeless Reduction Act 2017.

6. Consultees

- 6.1 The Corporate Director of Finance and Assets (Section 151 Officer) and Chief Legal Officer (Monitoring Officer) are consulted in respect of all reports.

7. Background Papers

- 7.1 None.

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8. Appendices

- 8.1 Appendix 1 – Report to the meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Board held on 11th March 2020.
- 8.2 Appendix 2 – Swindon's Homelessness Prevention and Reduction Strategy 2020-2024
- 8.3 Appendix 3 – Draft Minute of the 11th March 2020 Health and Wellbeing Board meeting.

9. Key Decision/Decision in Cabinet Work Programme

- 9.1 This is not a Key Decision and is not in the Cabinet Work Programme for April 2020.