

## STOCKPORT COUNCIL

### REPORT TO CABINET– SUMMARY SHEET

**Subject:** Rough Sleeping and Homelessness Prevention Strategy 2021-2024

**Report to Cabinet**

**Date:** 9<sup>th</sup> February 2021

**Report of:** (a) Cabinet Member for Sustainable Stockport

**Key Decision:** (b) Y

Forward Plan ☒ General Exception ☐ Special Urgency ☐ (Mark with a Y if applicable)

#### **Summary:**

This report provides a brief introduction to the government guidance in relation to homelessness and the background to how local partners have been addressing the issues over the past 5 years. A Homelessness Review was conducted in 2020 and the report of the findings is included as Appendix B

The Homelessness Prevention and Rough Sleeping Strategy 2021-2024 identifies the key remaining and emerging challenges and explains how the new strategy will address these by focussing the action plan around the following key themes:

1. Access to Affordable Accommodation
2. Prevention and Relief of Homelessness
3. Improving the health of people who are homeless
4. Meeting complex and multiple needs
5. Tackling Rough Sleeping

#### **Comments/Views of the Cabinet Member: (c)**

The Council and its partners have made huge efforts to deal with the current crisis, with all rough sleepers offered accommodation and a range of support from food deliveries to vulnerable households and welfare checks to thousands of elderly residents. However, the legacy of the Pandemic is likely to be felt for many years, with large numbers of redundancies, repossession activity in the private sector and the general impact upon the economy. This strategy aims to build on the positive work undertaken by all partners during the crisis, expanding upon the relationships developed to tackle the many challenges that exist around homelessness. The action plan included in this Strategy is a working document and will be reviewed regularly in light of any local or national changes and I recommend it to the Cabinet.

#### **Recommendation(s) of Cabinet Member: (d)**

- That the Cabinet approves the Rough Sleeping and Homelessness Prevention Strategy 2021-2024

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**Relevant Scrutiny Committee** (if decision called in): **(e)**  
Communities & Housing

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**Background Papers** (if report for publication): **(f)**

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Contact person for accessing  
background papers and discussing the report

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**'Urgent Business':** **(g)**

**Yes/ No (Please circle)**

**Certification** (if applicable)

This report should be considered as 'urgent business' and the decision exempted from 'call-in' for the following reason(s):

The written consent of Councillor \_\_\_\_\_ and the Chief Executive/Monitoring Officer/ Borough Treasurer for the decision to be treated as 'urgent business' was obtained on /will be obtained before the decision is implemented.

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