

Report of the Chief Executive

SOUTH NOTTINGHAMSHIRE HOMELESSNESS AND ROUGH SLEEPING STRATEGY1. Purpose of report

To seek Committee approval for the new South Nottinghamshire Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy.

2. Background

As part of our statutory duties, Councils are required to produce a Homelessness Strategy. The Council works closely with partners at Rushcliffe Borough Council and Gedling Borough Council to produce a joint strategy for South Nottinghamshire. The three Borough's face many common challenges and work closely together to provide joint interventions to help prevent and relieve homelessness and rough sleeping.

3. Detail

The new proposed Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy and accompanying action plan focuses around the emerging challenges that Councils face and some of the new challenges and objectives set by the Department of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities. The new proposed strategy was open for public consultation for eight weeks from October to December 2021.

The strategy focuses its actions around six identified key themes, these are:

- Early intervention through partnership working
- The provision of accessible, agile and responsive homelessness services
- Access to affordable and quality accommodation across all sectors
- Tackle rough sleeping by developing and improving pathways
- Link health, well-being and housing together to improve the life chances and aspirations of those affected
- Deliver long term support solutions to sustain tenancies for the most vulnerable.

An Equalities Impact Assessment is included as appendix 1 of the report. The new proposed strategy and its associated appendices are in appendix 2. The consultation results are appendix 3.

Recommendation

The Committee is asked to RESOLVE that the new South Nottinghamshire Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy be approved.

Background papers: Nil