

**Housing and City Development Scrutiny Committee**  
**16 October 2023**

**Homelessness and Rough Sleeping**

**Report of the Statutory Scrutiny Officer**

**1 Purpose**

- 1.1 To review the Council's approach to responding to the current levels of homelessness and rough sleeping in the City and anticipated future demand for support for people who are homeless and/ or sleeping rough.

**2 Action required**

- 2.1 The Committee is asked:
- a) if it wishes to make any comments or recommendations; and
  - b) to identify its next steps in scrutiny of this issue.

**3 Background information**

- 3.1 Committee members identified a concern about levels of homelessness and rough sleeping in the City, the impact that this has on the lives of those individuals, the level of demand for homelessness support, the financial implications of this for the Council and the ability of the Council to meet its statutory duties in this regard. Therefore, exploring how the Council is seeking to reduce need and respond to demand in this area, both currently and for the future, was prioritised as an issue for the Committee's work programme.
- 3.2 At this meeting the Committee will be hearing from the Portfolio Holder for Housing, Director for Housing and Corporate Director for Growth and City Development about their assessment of the current situation in relation to homelessness and rough sleeping in the City and how the Council is responding to the issues and seeking to address the challenges. A written submission is attached and they will be attending the meeting to discuss this with the Committee and respond to questions.

**4 List of attached information**

- 4.1 Update on Homelessness and Rough Sleeping from the Portfolio Holder for Housing, Director of Housing and Corporate Director for Growth and City Development

**5 Background papers, other than published works or those disclosing exempt or confidential information**

5.1 None

**6 Published documents referred to in compiling this report**

6.1 As outlined in the attached update report

**7 Wards affected**

7.1 All

**8 Contact information**

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