

Tamworth Borough Council

Strategic Housing Service

Homelessness Prevention Strategy 2016 – 2020

Action Plan

Year One - 2016/2017

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Priority 1	Objectives	Strategic Actions	By when	Lead Officer
Improving and enhancing homeless activities	Develop a Gold Standard Housing Solutions Service available to all Tamworth Residents at risk of homelessness	Develop the Gold Standard action plan to improve homelessness services and participate in the Diagnostic Peer Review	December 2016	Housing Solutions Manager
	To further develop and improve the prevention tools to assist households in different situations and to meet local need	Review and improve current homelessness prevention tools and develop clear criteria for access to these	March 2016	Housing Solutions Manager
		Deliver staff training on prevention tools (to both internal and external colleagues who may be able to signpost)	March 2016	Housing Solutions Manager

Priority 2	Objectives	Strategic Actions	By when	Lead Officer
Improving Joint Working to ensure effective partnerships are in place	To ensure that there is a corporate commitment to the implementation and delivery of this Homelessness Prevention Strategy	Agree refreshed priorities and delivery plan for Housing and Health via the eJSNA and Healthier Housing Strategy and ensure these complement the priorities contained within this strategy and Action Plan	June 2016	Head of Strategic Housing Public Health Lead for Tamworth Housing Conditions and Supply Manager
		Ensure Housing and Health (including homelessness prevention) activity is systematically reported to the TSP	March 2017	Head of Strategic Housing Tamworth Strategic Partnership
		Identify an elected member as a Homelessness Champion	March 2017	Head of Strategic Housing
	To improve strategic commitment to tackle homeless issues by implementing a partnership engagement structure	Undertake a comprehensive review of housing partners and their contribution to the delivery of the Council's priorities for housing and health.	September 2016	Head of Strategic Housing

		Set up a Strategic Housing Panel	April 2016	Head of Strategic Housing Housing Conditions and Supply Manager Housing Solutions Manager
		Review the membership of the Strategic Housing Panel annually to ensure effective governance	March 2017	Head of Strategic Housing Housing Conditions and Supply Manager Housing Solutions Manager
	To ensure that there are effective monitoring arrangements in place and the Council is held accountable for the delivery of this strategy and to ensure that there is challenge where priorities are not being delivered against	Commit the Strategic Housing Group to regular action plan monitoring, the dissemination of best practice and undertake annual strategic reviews	July 2016/October 2016/January 2017/March 2017	Head of Strategic Housing Housing Conditions and Supply Manager Housing Solutions Manager
		Set up a service user group and encourage participation in the development and delivery of services	July 2016/October 2016/January 2017/March 2017	Housing Solutions Manager

Priority 3	Objectives	Strategic Actions	By when	Lead Officer
Increase the supply of more affordable housing and provide more settled homes	Not to use Bed and Breakfast Accommodation for families with children except in an emergency and then for a maximum of 6 weeks	Review and improve the provision and range of temporary accommodation options and ensure alternative options to Bed and Breakfast	June 2016	Housing Solutions Manager Housing Conditions and Supply Manager
		Develop a policy for the procurement of TA and when out of Borough placements will be used	April 2016	Housing Solutions Manager
	Ensure 16/17 year olds are not placed in Bed and Breakfast Accommodation	Develop the Councils Mediation Service to ensure early intervention and prevention and ensure that in all cases possible that a young person remains at home	September 2016	Housing Solutions Manager
		Work with partners to ensure that appropriate accommodation is available for 16 and 17 year olds	September 2016	Housing Solutions Manager Housing Providers
	Improve access to the Private Rented Sector	Review the Council's approach to Private Sector Housing	September 2016	Housing Conditions and Supply Manager
		Create a policy and procedure to use the power to end the main housing duty with an offer of private rented accommodation	June 2016	Housing Solutions Manager Housing Conditions and Supply Manager

	Increase the supply of affordable housing through partnerships as well as the Council approach	Access resource availability to deliver affordable housing		Head of Strategic Housing Housing Conditions and Supply Manager
		Review the Council's approach to Empty homes as part of its wider review of the Councils Private Sector Offer	September 2016	Housing Conditions and Supply Manager

Priority 4	Objectives	Strategic Actions	By when	Lead Officer
Improving access to accommodation and services particularly for vulnerable people and those at risk of homelessness	Develop co-ordinated pathways to accommodation with key partners	Review the Allocations Policy on a regular basis in line with local and national developments	February 2016	Housing Solutions Manager
		To develop effective protocols with key partners which are monitored and reviewed annually	October 2016	Housing Solutions Manager
	Commission services that provide effective support to those with complex needs	Work with Strategic Commissioning and partners to ensure that homeless households receive the support they need, particularly those with multiple and complex needs	July 2016	Head of Strategic Housing Solutions Manager Commissioned service managers
	Ensure that nobody sleeps rough in the Borough by 2020	Develop a No Second Night Out or effective alternative suitable for Tamworth Borough Council	April 2016	Housing Solutions Manager

Priority	Objectives	Strategic Actions	By when	Lead Officer
Improving health outcomes and reduced health inequalities for those who are homeless	Improve access to healthcare for those who are homeless and living in Temporary Accommodation or Rough Sleeping	Embed homelessness prevention activities into the Councils eJSNA, strategic approach to housing and health and wider corporate priorities	June 2016	Head of Strategic Housing Public Health lead for Tamworth
		Undertake a Health Needs Audit of those who are homeless using the Homeless Link Health needs toolkit http://www.homeless.org.uk/our-work/resources/homeless-health-needs-audit/health-needs-audit-toolkit	March 2017	Housing Solutions Manager
		Work with Public Health and the Clinical Commissioning Group to explore links between poor health and homelessness and identify ways of tackling these	March 2017	Head of Strategic Housing Public Health lead for Tamworth Housing Solutions Manager Clinical Commissioning Group
		Advise the Health and Wellbeing Board on the links between homelessness and healthcare and housing	March 2017	Head of Strategic Housing Public Health lead for Tamworth Health and Wellbeing Board

		Identify a GP champion for those who are homeless	March 2017	Head of Strategic Housing Public Health lead for Tamworth
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