

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL
SOCIAL CARE HEALTH & WELL-BEING CABINET BOARD

2nd AUGUST 2018

**Report of the Head of Commissioning, Support and Direct Services –
A.J. Thomas**

Matter for Decision

Wards Affected: All Wards

**NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNCIL'S CONSULTATIVE DRAFT
HOMELESSNESS STRATEGY 2018 - 2022**

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 To inform Members of the consultative draft Homelessness Strategy 2018-22 ('The Draft Strategy') and seek approval to undertake a 60-day public consultation on the document.

2. Background

- 2.1 The Draft Strategy sets out the Council's proposals for tackling Homelessness in Neath Port Talbot, over the next four years and beyond; including placing greater emphasis on early intervention and prevention and targeted community based support.
- 2.2 Set against a background of increasing demand for our services and economic pressures requiring budgetary savings, the provision of effective homelessness services remains a priority of the Council.
- 2.3 The focus of the Draft Strategy is therefore on the promotion of the health and well-being of citizens. In doing so, the work will embrace the following well-being objectives as defined in our Corporate Plan 2018-22:
- To improve the well-being of children and young people;
 - To improve the well-being of all adults who live in the county borough; and
 - To develop the local economy and environment so that the well-being of people can be improved.
- 2.4 A copy of the Draft Strategy is attached at Appendix 1.

3. Monitoring, Review and Delivery

- 3.1 The Strategy will be reviewed on an annual basis by the Social Care, Health and Wellbeing Cabinet Board.
- 3.2 The priorities within the Plan are the basis of the personal objectives between the Director of Social Services, Health & Housing and both the Head Children and Young People Services and the Head of Adult Services in respect of homelessness strategy. These priorities will be reviewed in line with the Council's performance arrangements.

4. Recommendation

- 4.1 That Members approve for a 60 day public consultation period the Neath Port Talbot Council's consultative draft Homelessness Strategy 2018-22 as detailed as Appendix 1 to the circulated report.

5. Reasons for Proposed Decision

- 5.1 This document sets out the strategic direction for a multi-agency endeavour to effectively tackle homelessness in the county borough.
- 5.2 Its production and publication, by the end of this calendar year, together with the review that informed its content, is a requirement of Part 2 of the Housing (Wales) Act 2014.

6. Implementation of Decision

- 6.1 The decision is proposed for implementation after the three day call-in period.

7. Equality impact assessment

- 7.1 A full Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) on the draft plan is being undertaken to assist the Council in discharging its Public Sector Equality Duty under the Equality Act 2010.
- 7.2 It is not expected that the draft plan will have an adverse effect on people with any protected characteristic as all existing and potential service users will be assessed on the basis of their individual needs and will receive the most appropriate service or be signposted accordingly.
- 7.3 As well as existing sources of data, the consultation will be used to glean information about service users, carers and families. The completed EIA

will be presented to Members along with the findings obtained through the consultation process.

8. Workforce impacts

There are no anticipated workforce impacts arising from this report.

9. Legal impacts

The publication of the Homelessness Strategy 2018-22 and the review which informed its content, by the end of this calendar year, is a requirement of Part 2 of the Housing (Wales) Act 2014.

10. Financial impacts

There are no anticipated financial impacts arising from this report.

11. Consultation

It is proposed that, with Members' permission, a 60-day public consultation exercise is undertaken. This will consist of paper and on-line surveys. In addition, officers will attend various groups and forums around the county borough to reach as many stakeholders, including citizens, carers, service providers and other partner organisations as possible. The Consultation Document can be found at Appendix 2 of this report. An Easy Read version of the Draft Plan has been produced (see Appendix 3) as well a summary 'Plan on a Page' which can be found at Appendix 4. In addition, all materials will be available in Welsh.

12. Risk Management

There are no known risks associated with this item.

13. Appendices

- Appendix 1 - Consultative draft Homelessness Strategy 2018-22
- Appendix 2 - Public Consultation Document
- Appendix 3 - Easy Read Version
- Appendix 4 - Plan on a Page

14. Background Papers

None

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