



**Easy Read Version
of
Neath Port Talbot Council
Homelessness Strategy
2018 - 2022**



What is the Strategy?



It is a plan that sets out how the Council wants to work with others to tackle homelessness locally.



We want to work together to prevent homelessness wherever possible and support the person to find permanent home as soon as possible when it does happen.



The document is written by staff from the Council and we would like to know your views to help us produce a final version.



We welcome feedback from all.

We will keep everyone updated at meetings we arrange and be posting information on the Council's website.

What does the Council want out of the Plan?

Shift the focus away from responding to emergencies and meeting our homelessness duties to people in crisis.

Towards:

- **Focussed community based prevention;**
- **Alternative support solutions that have been proven to work for those who need it most; and**
- **Reducing the use of B&B and other temporary accommodation.**

Our Priorities

The plan has a number of areas:

- *Early help to prevent homelessness whenever possible*
- *Support for those with the most complex needs or who have been homeless more than once*
- *Helping homeless people get a permanent home quickly*
- *Focusing on helping people most at risk*
- *Making best use of our finances*
- *Strengthening links with partner agencies*
- *Making better use of Information Technology (IT)*
- Making sure we understand the impact of the services we commission

How will the Council collect views and opinions?



The Council will be collecting views and opinions on this Plan in different ways:



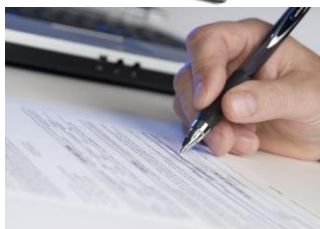
Focus group meetings will be arranged during the consultation. It will be an opportunity to find out more about the our plans, ask questions and give your views.



Paper copies of the plan and feedback form will be available in Neath Civic Centre, Port Talbot Civic Centre and The Quays.



On the Council's website:



You can write to us or complete the feedback form at the end of this booklet. Letters and forms can be put into the suggestion boxes or posted to:

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