

# Arun District Council

<b>REPORT TO:</b>	<b>HOUSING &amp; WELLBEING COMMITTEE – 6 OCT 2022</b>
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>HOMELESSNESS STRATEGY 2019-2021</b>
<b>LEAD OFFICER:</b>	<b>CLAIRE DYKE, HOUSING OPTIONS MANAGER</b> <b>MOH HUSSEIN, INTERIM HEAD OF HOUSING</b>
<b>LEAD MEMBER:</b>	<b>COUNCILLOR JACKY PENDLETON</b>
<b>WARDS:</b>	<b>ALL</b>
<b>CORPORATE PRIORITY / POLICY CONTEXT / CORPORATE VISION:</b>  This funding supports the Council’s objective number one of Improving the wellbeing of Arun by supporting those who are homeless, street homeless or at risk of homelessness in emergency or temporary accommodation to improve health outcomes	
<b>DIRECTORATE POLICY CONTEXT:</b>  All Local Authorities are required by law to have an up-to-date Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy.	
<b>FINANCIAL SUMMARY:</b>  None	

## 1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update Members on the current position of our Housing and Homelessness Strategy.

## 2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 To approve the extension of our current Housing and Homelessness Strategy 2019-2021 until the new Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy has been adopted in 2023.

## 3.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 3.1 Our current Homelessness Strategy expired in 2021. All Local Authorities are legally required to have an up-to-date Homelessness Strategy in place. To ensure compliance with the Homelessness Act 2002 (as amended), this report will seek agreement to extend the current strategy until the new Homelessness & Rough Sleeping Strategy 2023 - 2028 has been adopted.

## **4.0 DETAIL**

- 4.1 The Homelessness Act 2002 (as amended) placed a duty on all local authorities to formulate a Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy.
- 4.2 Section 1(1) of the Act gives housing authorities the power to carry out a homelessness review for their district and formulate a homelessness strategy based on the result of the review.
- 4.3 Our current Housing & Homeless Strategy sets four main objectives for the period 2019 - 2021:
- a) Increase housing supply across all tenures
  - b) Prevent & relieve homelessness
  - c) Improve housing conditions across all tenures
  - d) Create sustainable communities to meet the needs of all residents
- 4.4 The Strategy was informed by a Homelessness Review undertaken in 2018 as well as running in parallel to the Housing Revenue Account Business Plan 2017 and the Arun Local Plan 2018.
- 4.5 However, this Strategy is now out of date which means that Arun District Council is not legally compliant with legislation. We plan to carry out a new review of homelessness and publish a new Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy based on the results of the review, which is anticipated to be in place in 2023. Until then, our current strategy requires an extension.

## **5.0 CONSULTATION**

- 5.1 None required

## **6.0 OPTIONS / ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED**

- 6.1 To approve the extension of the Homelessness Strategy 2019-2021
- 6.2 To not approve the extension. However, this would mean that the Authority would not be legally compliant with the Homelessness Act 2002 (as amended).

## **7.0 COMMENTS BY THE GROUP HEAD OF CORPORATE SUPPORT/SECTION 151 OFFICER**

- 7.1 No comment.

## **8.0 RISK ASSESSMENT CONSIDERATIONS**

8.1 None

## **9.0 COMMENTS OF THE GROUP HEAD OF LAW AND GOVERNANCE & MONITORING OFFICER**

9.1 The Homelessness Act 2002 (as amended) places a statutory duty on each local housing authority to carry out a review of homelessness and to develop a Homelessness Strategy every five years. The Homelessness Review provides a comprehensive assessment of the nature and extent of homelessness in the district, as well as considering all the activities and interventions in place to prevent homelessness and assist people who are or may become homeless.

9.2 The Homelessness Strategy sets out how the Council will prevent homelessness and provide support to people who are homeless, or at risk of becoming homeless, during the coming five years

9.3 This report is asking committee to agree an extension of the current strategy. Committee is able to agree such an extension.

## **10.0 HUMAN RESOURCES IMPACT**

10.1 None

## **11.0 HEALTH & SAFETY IMPACT**

11.1 None

## **12.0 PROPERTY & ESTATES IMPACT**

12.1 None

## **13.0 EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) / SOCIAL VALUE**

13.1 None

## **14.0 CLIMATE CHANGE & ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT/SOCIAL VALUE**

14.1 None

## **15.0 CRIME AND DISORDER REDUCTION IMPACT**

15.1 None

## **16.0 HUMAN RIGHTS IMPACT**

16.1 None

## **17.0 FREEDOM OF INFORMATION / DATA PROTECTION CONSIDERATIONS**

17.1 None

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### **BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS:**

[Housing and homelessness strategy 2019 to 2021 | Arun District Council](#)