

Single Member Cabinet Decision


**Executive  
Forward Plan  
Reference**

**E2898**

**Housing Services Reconnection Policy**

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| <b>Decision maker/s</b>   | Cllr Liz Richardson, Cabinet Member for Homes and Planning   |
| <b>The Issue</b>  | The policy aims to help rough sleepers off the streets quickly. It sets out how we reconnect rough sleepers without a local connection by helping them to return home with an offer of accommodation and support. Rough sleepers with a connection to Bath and North East Somerset are helped to find housing and support within our district.   |
| <b>Decision Date</b>  | 05 September 2016  |
| <b>The decision</b>   | The Cabinet Member agrees that the revised Housing Services Reconnection Policy is adopted.  |
| <b>Rationale for decision</b>   | The rationale of amending the existing policy is to reduce rough sleeping in the district and limit access to local resources for rough sleepers with a local connection elsewhere.  |
| <b>Financial and budget implications</b>  | There are no envisaged significant changes to the individual costs of reconnection and all costs are managed through existing approved revenue budgets.  |
| <b>Issues considered (these are covered in more detail in the report)</b>                             | Social Inclusion; Customer Focus; Health & Safety; Other Legal Considerations  |
| <b>Consultation undertaken</b>  | Overview & Scrutiny Panel; Staff; Stakeholders/Partners; Section 151 Finance Officer; Chief Executive; Monitoring Officer  |
| <b>How consultation was carried out</b>   | Given the nature of the policy only limited and informal consultation has been undertaken. It includes consultation with Julian House and DHI Reach with whom we work in partnership to provide services to rough sleepers, and inclusion of the item in a briefing to the Planning, Housing and Economic Development Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel to ensure that the revisions are reasonable. The Monitoring Officer and s151 Officer have been given opportunity to review and input into this report. |
| <b>Other options considered</b>   | None   |
| <b>Declaration of interest by Cabinet Member(s) for decision, including any dispensation granted:</b> | None   |
| <b>Any conflict of</b>  | None   |

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| <b>interest declared by anyone who is consulted by a Member taking the decision:</b> |  |
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| <b>Signatures of Decision Maker</b> |  |
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| <b>Subject to Call-in until 5 Working days have elapsed following publication of the decision</b> |
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