



ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS TO CHELMSFORD POLICY BOARD

25th June 2026

ITEM 7 - Homelessness and Rough Sleeper Strategy

Reason for Amendments

Following legal advice it will be necessary to consult with stakeholders prior to the adoption of the strategy.

Amendments

Options

- 1.** Approve, **for consultation**, as an Addendum to the current strategy the review and revision of the Homelessness and Rough Sleepers Strategy 2025-2030 as presented ~~and recommend to Cabinet to approve the Addendum as presented in Appendix 1.~~
- 2.** ~~2.~~ Approve, **for consultation**, with amendments as an Addendum to the current strategy the review and revision of the Homelessness and Rough Sleepers Strategy 2025-2030 ~~and recommend to Cabinet to approve the amended Addendum~~

Recommendations

The Addendum to Homelessness and Rough Sleepers Strategy 2025-2030 be approved **for consultation** -as presented-

Following the consultation any minor amendments be delegated to the Director of Sustainable Communities in consultation with the Chair of Policy Board and the submission recommend to Cabinet with a recommendation to approve the Addendum thereby ensuring the Council's Homelessness and Rough Sleepers Strategy 2025-2030 remains relevant and consistent with the government's national strategy A National Plan to End Homelessness.

Para 2.2 Chelmsford City Council's strategy takes into account analysis of trends in homelessness and housing that are still relevant and up to date. Repeating the process of formal consultation would therefore be duplicating what took place last year and may even create confusion with some consultees.

~~Furthermore, the time required would make it unlikely that a final version of any update to the existing strategy would be complete within the required timescale.~~ However, legally we need to consult before modifying a homelessness strategy although in practice it will be more of a notification as the modifications are a requirement of Government and cannot be amended.

Para 2.3 ~~For these reasons,~~ it is proposed that a review and revision to the existing strategy is provided as an Addendum which highlights the progress made over the last year, any significant changes in that time and how proposed actions will contribute towards meeting the government's key priorities.