

# **Safer and Stronger Communities Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee**

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**Thursday 9 November 2017 at 4.45 pm**

**To be held at the Sheffield Cathedral,  
Domino Hall, access off Campo Lane  
Sheffield, S1 1HA**

**PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF VENUE**

**The Press and Public are Welcome to Attend**

## **Membership**

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Councillors Chris Peace (Chair), Sue Auckland, Penny Baker (Deputy Chair), Michelle Cook, Richard Crowther, Dawn Dale, Keith Davis, Terry Fox, Mark Jones, George Lindars-Hammond, Magid Magid, Karen McGowan, Zahira Naz, Joe Otten and Zoe Sykes

## **Substitute Members**

In accordance with the Constitution, Substitute Members may be provided for the above Committee Members as and when required.

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## **PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE MEETING**

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**SAFER AND STRONGER COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY AND POLICY  
DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE AGENDA  
9 NOVEMBER 2017**

**Order of Business**

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- 1. Welcome and Housekeeping Arrangements**
- 2. Apologies for Absence**
- 3. Exclusion of Public and Press**  
To identify items where resolutions may be moved to exclude the press and public
- 4. Declarations of Interest**  
Members to declare any interests they have in the business to be considered at the meeting
- 5. Minutes of Previous Meeting**  
To approve the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 14<sup>th</sup> September, 2017
- 6. Public Questions and Petitions**  
To receive any questions or petitions from members of the public
- 7. Street Culture**  
Report of the Policy and Improvement Officer.
- 8. Draft Work Programme 2017-18**  
Report of the Policy and Improvement Officer.
- 9. Date of Next Meeting**  
The next meeting of the Committee will be held on Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> December, 2017, at 4.45 pm, in the Town Hall.

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- participate in any discussion of the business at the meeting, or if you become aware of your Disclosable Pecuniary Interest during the meeting, participate further in any discussion of the business, or
- participate in any vote or further vote taken on the matter at the meeting.

These prohibitions apply to any form of participation, including speaking as a member of the public.

You **must**:

- leave the room (in accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct)
- make a verbal declaration of the existence and nature of any DPI at any meeting at which you are present at which an item of business which affects or relates to the subject matter of that interest is under consideration, at or before the consideration of the item of business or as soon as the interest becomes apparent.
- declare it to the meeting and notify the Council's Monitoring Officer within 28 days, if the DPI is not already registered.

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- Any payment or provision of any other financial benefit (other than from your council or authority) made or provided within the relevant period\* in respect of any expenses incurred by you in carrying out duties as a member, or towards your election expenses. This includes any payment or financial benefit from a trade union within the meaning of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992.

\*The relevant period is the 12 months ending on the day when you tell the Monitoring Officer about your disclosable pecuniary interests.

- Any contract which is made between you, or your spouse or your civil partner (or a body in which you, or your spouse or your civil partner, has a beneficial interest) and your council or authority –
  - under which goods or services are to be provided or works are to be executed; and
  - which has not been fully discharged.

- Any beneficial interest in land which you, or your spouse or your civil partner, have and which is within the area of your council or authority.
- Any licence (alone or jointly with others) which you, or your spouse or your civil partner, holds to occupy land in the area of your council or authority for a month or longer.
- Any tenancy where (to your knowledge) –
  - the landlord is your council or authority; and
  - the tenant is a body in which you, or your spouse or your civil partner, has a beneficial interest.
- Any beneficial interest which you, or your spouse or your civil partner has in securities of a body where -
  - (a) that body (to your knowledge) has a place of business or land in the area of your council or authority; and
  - (b) either -
    - the total nominal value of the securities exceeds £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that body; or
    - if the share capital of that body is of more than one class, the total nominal value of the shares of any one class in which you, or your spouse or your civil partner, has a beneficial interest exceeds one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that class.

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- it relates to or is likely to affect any of the interests that are defined as DPIs but are in respect of a member of your family (other than a partner) or a person with whom you have a close association.

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Safer and Stronger Communities Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee

Meeting held 14 September 2017

**PRESENT:** Councillors Chris Peace (Chair), Sue Auckland, Michelle Cook, Richard Crowther, Dawn Dale, Terry Fox, Mark Jones, Magid Magid, Karen McGowan, Zahira Naz, Zoe Sykes, Jack Clarkson (Substitute Member), Andy Nash (Substitute Member) and Richard Shaw (Substitute Member)

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**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

1.1 Apologies for absence, together with their nominated substitutes, were received as follows:-

<u>Apology</u>	<u>Substitute</u>
Councillor Penny Baker	Councillor Richard Shaw
Councillor Keith Davis	Councillor Jack Clarkson
Councillor Joe Otten	Councillor Andy Nash
Councillor George Lindars-Hammond	No substitute nominated

**2. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS**

2.1 No items were identified where resolutions may be moved to exclude the public and press.

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

3.1 Councillor Michelle Cook declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 7 (Challenge for Change – The Quality of Rehousing Services), as she was a former member of the Challenge for Change Tenant Scrutiny Group.

**4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

4.1 The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 6<sup>th</sup> July, 2017 were approved as a correct record and, arising from their consideration, it was noted that the Policy and Improvement Officer would follow-up on (a) the provision of statistics on prosecutions for hate crime and (b) the circulation of the minutes of the meetings of the Sheffield Safer and Sustainable Communities Partnership to Committee Members.

**5. PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS**

5.1 There were no questions raised or petitions submitted by members of the public.

**6. CHALLENGE FOR CHANGE - THE QUALITY OF REHOUSING SERVICES**

- 6.1 The Committee received a report of the Challenge for Change (C4C) Tenant Scrutiny Group, on the Group's recent project to review the quality of Rehousing Services. The overall purpose of the project was to examine how well the Council's Housing Service delivered rehousing services and to check how it compared with similar organisations.
- 6.2 The report was supported by a presentation which was given by one of the Group's members, Angela Moreno, which covered the project objectives, reality checks, conclusions and recommendations.
- 6.3 Also in attendance for this item were Tina Gilbert (Performance and Risk Manager), Ian Alexander, Linda Moxon and Max Richardson (C4C representatives).
- 6.4 During the presentation, Linda Moxon related her experiences, initially as a mystery shopper, who found that she had been de-registered and had to go through a complicated appeal procedure to become re-registered for rehousing.
- 6.5 Members made various comments and asked a number of questions, to which responses were provided as follows:-
- In relation to the appeal process, Linda Moxon indicated that she had provided the information requested, but had received no reply to an email which she had sent and had been given no notification of the expiry date for the appeal period. However, once the Rehousing Customer Services Team Manager had become involved, the issue was resolved. In the light of this management involvement, she felt that the appeal process would be further examined.
  - Extra help should be made available for those who were unfamiliar with using a computer to register. This could take the form of officers helping or being able to do this by phone.
  - A Member commented that it appeared that promises made to review the de-registration process prior to October, 2016 had not been kept.
  - In the light of experiences at the Howden House office, customers discussing personal information with officers should be offered private facilities. It seemed that the situation had improved since a mystery shopping exercise, with the use of two queues now, one being for Council tax matters and another for Housing matters.
  - It was important that the de-registration process did not put people off putting in an appeal and, with new staff coming in to the Housing Service due to Housing+, they should be properly trained. It was felt that if the correct information was presented, then an appeal should succeed and it seemed that officers were now communicating appropriately by email.
  - Privacy was particularly important in situations which involved domestic abuse victims.

- The differing experiences of customer service found by the Group highlighted the importance of appropriate training of staff, particularly in relation to their dealings with vulnerable people.
- Young people in particular were finding it very difficult to provide the required identification/references.
- The patch officers should be able to identify vulnerable individuals in their area.
- In relation to unreceived letters, it may be appropriate for three letters to be sent before any registration was cancelled.
- With regard to getting years re-credited, it was felt that customers were not respected or taken seriously.
- The C4C representatives agreed that security staff saw themselves more as bouncers rather than ambassadors for the service and that their role needed to be examined.

6.6 The Chair, Councillor Chris Peace, summarised the concerns expressed by Members as relating to administration, training, including a suggestion that a flow chart be produced of the process and procedures involved, the operation of the appeals process, the role of security staff, the registration of vulnerable and young people, the way in which systems and staff were to be tested, and the evaluation of documentation and procedures.

6.7 RESOLVED: That the Committee:-

- (a) thanks the Challenge for Change representatives and Tina Gilbert for their contribution to the meeting and their valuable work in producing the report;
- (b) notes the contents of the report and presentation, comments made and responses to questions; and
- (c) requests that:-
  - (i) more information on the rehousing policy, process and procedures be sought from the Rehousing Manager; and
  - (ii) an update item be included on a future Committee meeting agenda to cover progress made on the Challenge for Change report's recommendations and the Members' concerns now mentioned, with the Challenge for Change representatives being invited to such meeting.

## **7. WORK PROGRAMME 2017/18**

7.1 The Committee received a report of the Policy and Improvement Officer, attaching

the Committee's Work Programme for 2017/18 for Members' consideration.

- 7.2 As a preliminary to the discussion, the Chair, Councillor Chris Peace, proposed that, for future meetings a half hour pre-meeting would take place at 4.00 p.m., followed by a 15 minute break, with the Committee meeting to start at 4.45 p.m. She suggested that this operated for the next two Committee meetings and be reviewed in the New Year. In addition, she proposed that the next Committee meeting scheduled for 12<sup>th</sup> October, 2017 be postponed because of the Beighton Ward by-election being held on that day and be rearranged to be held on 9<sup>th</sup> November, 2017 if possible.
- 7.3 In relation to the Work Programme, the Chair suggested that the next meeting should have a one item agenda on Street Culture – Safe City with representatives of the South Yorkshire Police, City Centre Ambassadors, Archer Project, Drug Advisory Services and Shelter being invited. A briefing paper on Tower Blocks could also be circulated with the agenda for that meeting. Councillor Terry Fox suggested that it might be appropriate for this meeting to be held outside the Town Hall and the Chair asked the Policy and Improvement Officer to explore the possibility of this, with the Cathedral being suggested as a potential venue.
- 7.4 The Chair suggested that the December Committee meeting should focus on Community Safety – Neighbourhood Policing.
- 7.5 For the January 2018 meeting, the Chair suggested an item on Tower Blocks, with a briefing paper on the effectiveness of the Local Area Partnerships to be circulated with the agenda.
- 7.6 Following a request by Councillor Mark Jones, the Chair indicated that discussion of the Private Rented Housing Sector would be included in the Housing+ discussion at the March, 2018 Committee meeting.
- 7.7 RESOLVED: That the Committee approves the contents of the Work Programme 2017/18, subject to the proposals, amendments and suggestions now reported.

## **8. WELFARE REFORM UPDATE**

8.1 RESOLVED: That the Committee:-

- (a) notes the contents of the Welfare Reform Update Report; and
- (b) requests that:-
  - (i) individual concerns regarding the introduction of Universal Credit be sent by email to the Policy and Improvement Officer to be forwarded to the appropriate Council officers; and
  - (ii) graphs be included in any future Welfare Reform Update to indicate trends.

## **9. TOWER BLOCKS UPDATE - FIRE SAFETY ON COUNCIL HIGH RISE**

**RESIDENTIAL BLOCKS**

- 9.1 RESOLVED: That the Committee notes the contents of the Tower Blocks Update – Fire Safety on Council High Rise Residential Blocks Report.

**10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

- 10.1 It was noted that it was proposed to hold the next meeting of the Committee on Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> November, 2017 at 4.45 p.m., at a venue to be arranged, possibly outside the Town Hall.

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## Report to Safer and Stronger Communities Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee 9<sup>th</sup> November 2017

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**Report of:** Policy & Improvement Officer

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**Subject:** Street Culture – what is street culture and services in Sheffield

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### 1. Background

1.1 Street Culture, a Safe City is included in the work programme of this Scrutiny Committee. This report includes background information for consideration of 'What is Street Culture and services in Sheffield' at the meeting.

1.2 To assist Safer and Stronger Communities Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee in considering this issue and gathering information the following have been invited to attend to provide a starting point in understanding what is street culture and the services in Sheffield:

- Cllr Tony Downing, Cabinet Adviser for Safe City;
- Maxine Stavrianakos, Head of Neighbourhood Intervention and Tenant Support; Suzanne Allen, Head of Citywide Neighbourhood Services;
- Tracey Ford, Sheffield Drug and Alcohol Coordination Team;
- Superintendent Paul McCurry, South Yorkshire Police;

1.3 Representatives of agencies, services, groups who deliver on the ground have been invited to share what they do in Sheffield and issues in relation to the topic of Street Culture in Sheffield:

- Cathedral Archer Project, Tim Renshaw;
- City Centre Ambassadors Supervisor;
- Street Pastor/Soup Kitchen, Bobbie Walker
- Framework Sheffield Street Outreach Team
- Sheffield City centre Action Group.

## 2. Briefing and Information

2.1 Briefing and information has been provided by the Community Safety Partnership and Neighbourhood Services - Housing Options and Solutions, these are not included in this report but as additional documents in the agenda papers:

1. Briefing paper from Community Safety Partnership on **What is Street Culture, services in Sheffield**;
2. Report of Executive Director, Place on **Rough Sleeping in Sheffield**.

## 3 Petition to Council 6th September 2017

3.1 Full Council on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2017 debated a petition requesting a Night Café for the Homeless and Vulnerable, it was resolved that the issues raised in the petition be referred to Safer and Stronger Communities Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee for consideration as part of their discussion on rough sleeping. Rough sleeping forms part of this street culture item, the petition, agenda and full minutes of the Council meeting can be found on this link -

<https://imgmeetings.sheffield.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=154&MId=6691&Ver=4>

### The Scrutiny Committee is being asked to:

- Consider all the information provided in advance and in verbal presentation at the meeting, seek responses to any Committee lines of enquiry and questions of those attending;
- Consider the responses, provide comment in regard this topic, additional information required and any further action for the Committee work programme 2017/18

**Category of Report:** OPEN

# **Briefing to Safer and Stronger Communities Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee 9<sup>th</sup> November 2017 – provided by Community Safety Partnership**

## **What is street culture, services in Sheffield, to include Begging, Drinking & Rough Sleeping**

### **1. Background**

This paper is in response to a request for an overview of the current approach taken by partners, led by Sheffield City Council (DACT, Public Health and the Community Safety Team) to address the causes and consequences of begging within the city centre. It will provide an overview of the extent of problem; the current strategy to address the issues, including begging, drinking and rough sleeping.

Some areas within the city centre have become social meeting points, creating a problematic “street culture” present on the streets. These groups are commonly referred to as “street drinkers”; however, the cohort is much more complex than this and includes individuals with mental health problems, substance misusers, rough sleepers and street beggars. In addition to this, some individuals in this group have multiple support needs and ineffective contact with services which can then reinforce their ‘chaotic’ lifestyle, making them hard to engage in support services.

In response to increasing complaints from the Sheffield City Centre Residents Action Group (SCCRAG, 2014), the then Director of Substance Misuse Strategy asked the DACT to work with agencies to address some of the issues raised by residents and local businesses, which included street begging, rough sleeping and antisocial behaviour (ASB), often fuelled by substance misuse. Work is ongoing to the present day

It was recognised early on that the causes and consequences of begging were as varied and multifaceted as the needs of those individuals who were begging. As such, no single agency can address the problem alone. The heart of the response is a strong multi agency partnership with an evolving strategy to address the causes and consequences of begging and the needs and vulnerabilities of the individuals

Agencies have approached the complex issues in partnership focusing on four areas

1. Intervention / Support
2. Enforcement
3. Positive communication

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## 2. To date, there have been the following responses from SCC and partners:

### Intervention / Support

A multi-agency meeting was convened by DACT in January 2015, the purpose of which was to explore a joint coordinated partnership approach to tackling substance misuse related ASB in the city centre. Over time this group has become known as the 'City Centre ASB group': part of its remit has been to address the causes and consequences of begging and working primarily with individuals that have been identified by agencies as very vulnerable, and not necessarily just those who are engaged in prolific begging.

Agencies represented at the meeting were as follows. Agencies are keen to ensure that every effort is made to make individuals aware of support services and promote positive choices to address the causes of begging. They all subsequently went on to become members of the later incarnation of the group as the Multi Agency Working Group – responding to ASB and street culture:

Sheffield Treatment and Recovery Team (START) treatment services; South Yorkshire Police – city centre policing team, Public Health, Archer Project, Ben's Centre, Addaction, DACT, Sheffield Alcohol Support Service (SASS), Big Issue, Housing Independence Service, Adult Safeguarding, SCC, Faith based groups (providing soup kitchen, lunch clubs and Street Pastors), British Transport Police & Community Safety Team

The main function of the group is to:

Identify individuals who are a cause for concern who frequent the city centre;

- Establish if concerns are health, wellbeing, ASB, or both;
- Linking, re-linking perpetrators to sources of support, advice and guidance. This includes assertive outreach.

Rough Sleeping - There is the Rough Sleepers meeting which is held monthly and is ran and chaired by Housing Solutions team manager. This is attended by housing solutions and mainly vol sector working in the city around homelessness, this meeting purely focuses on homelessness, rough sleeping and getting the rough sleepers in to accommodation.

### New psychoactive substances (NPS)

The NPS Multi-Agency Group meets monthly and chaired by DACT and is responsible for overseeing all NPS specific work in the City. The group

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reports to both adults and young people's substance misuse JCGs which in turn report to Safer and Sustainable Communities.

The overarching aims of the group are to:

- Improve our knowledge of NPS prevalence across Sheffield,
- Reduce the opportunities for further NPS outlets within communities
- Ensure up to date information is available universally in a range of media
- Provide targeted harm reduction to at risk groups of young people and adults
- Improve the skills and knowledge of a range of professionals
- Reduce and prevent serious harm and associated risk taking behaviours
- Maximise resources through multi agency partnership strategies
- Provide a joined up approach to all enforcement activity

Enforcement - Agencies recognised that for some individuals, proportionate enforcement activity is the most appropriate action, particularly where the behaviour presents a risk to the public. There is now a new SCC & SYP ASB meeting; members include community safety, DACT, and relevant partners whose role is to identify individuals who are consistently causing ASB, and who are or appear to be evading consequences for their behaviour.

## Positive communication

In 2016, feedback from the general public and businesses in the city centre was that whilst they wanted to help, or donate, there wasn't enough information about the local charities and how to do this. The Help Us Help website was launched in September 2016 with support from both universities, local businesses and MP Paul Bloomfield with support from the following forums/groups:

- Retail forum – brings together retailers within the city centre, this has been an ideal forum to discuss issues in relation to begging and ASB in the city centre, and get buy in and support with the 'Help us Help' campaign.
- UNITE group – this brings together licensees from city centre, issues discussed are night-time economy, licencing issues, events, ASB etc. - this is an idea forum to engage/inform licensees about work being done to tackle ASB and begging.

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- Sheffield City Centre residents Group (SCCRAG) – city centre residents group, meets monthly.

To consider the growing issue of street begging in the city a workshop was held on 11 October 2017. This was led by senior officers from SCC and SYP and included a number of partners working in the city centre. The workshop considered the reasons for people turning to street begging and other related issues; the action taking place at present and any gaps and best practise from other area. An action plan is being produced following the workshop to set out the way forward.

Partners are intending to develop the Help Us Help campaign further from 30<sup>th</sup> November – 6<sup>th</sup> December hosting a Christmas cabin, promoting the website and partnership working, BID are investing into a wider campaign in 2018.

Other Partnership initiatives since early 2016, a separate meeting pulls together Sheffield's Town Centre outreach provision to share intelligence, identify hotspot areas, plan outreach times and coordinate rotas. This aims to maximise city coverage (in terms of times and location), reduce duplication, co-ordinate information and reinforce messages

The multiagency group have undertaken a number of specific targeted outreach initiatives, with people who beg (including Operation Duxford). This involves multiagency teams consisting of City Centre Ambassadors, Housing Solutions staff and Addaction workers.

Working with the Council's Housing Independence Service, the specification for the newly commissioned Rough Sleepers Service places additional emphasis on assertive outreach, out of hours client contact and working with people begging in order to respond to the issue and support this work. This is in recognition that begging is a risk factor for rough sleeping and vice-versa.

This work and the response to the needs of these individuals has been informed by the Sheffield Homeless Health Needs Audit (2016) and work around Adults with Complex and Multiple Needs.

Commissioning of Housing First (2017) in Sheffield which an approach that offers permanent, affordable housing as quickly as possible for most vulnerable individuals experiencing homelessness, and then provides the supportive services and connections to the community-based supports people need to keep their housing and avoid returning to homelessness.

### **3 What does this mean for the people of Sheffield?**

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Agencies are working closely sharing intelligence and working in partnership to respond to the support needs are been met, there are more people accepting support than refusing support.

There is information available about what support is offered in Sheffield and how the general public can help

## **4. Recommendation**

The scrutiny panel acknowledge the innovative partnership work done so far to address this complex and multi-faceted issue.

A steer is given on whether the action plan to address the issues of street begging developed following the workshop on 11 October 2017 covers all elements or if further actions are required

That council resources are used to support and promote the help us help website

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# Report to Safer and Stronger Communities Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee 9<sup>th</sup> November 2017

**Report of:** Executive Director Place

**Subject:** Rough Sleeping in Sheffield

**Author of Report:** Zoe Young – 0114 2053118

## Summary:

This report discusses the issue of rough sleeping in Sheffield and the provision in the city to support those people who are sleeping on the streets.

**Type of item:** The report author should tick the appropriate box

Reviewing of existing policy	
Informing the development of new policy	
Statutory consultation	
Performance / budget monitoring report	
Cabinet request for scrutiny	
Full Council request for scrutiny	
Response to Scrutiny Task Group Report	
Call-in of Cabinet decision	
Briefing paper for the Scrutiny Committee	<b>x</b>
Other	

## The Scrutiny Committee is being asked to:

The safer and stronger communities scrutiny committee is asked to note the contents of this report and to provide views and recommendations on the councils approach to working with rough sleepers.

## Background Papers:

List any background documents (e.g. research studies, reports) used to write the report. Remember that by listing documents people could request a copy.

## Category of Report: OPEN

Most reports to Scrutiny Committees should be openly available to the public. If a report is deemed to be 'closed', please add: **'Not for publication because it contains exempt information under Paragraph xx of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).'**

## **Rough Sleeping in Sheffield**

### **1. Introduction**

Ending rough sleeping in Sheffield is a priority for the city and its partners. Although most people who become homeless will never sleep rough, it is the most visible form of homelessness. It is unsafe and has serious consequences on a person's health and wellbeing. There are many reasons why people end up on the street, and these are often complicated and confounded by substance abuse, mental health, offending and a history of abuse and trauma.

Sheffield City Council is working with partners in the city to co-ordinate services, and ensures that the response to homelessness is both robust and holistic and that anyone on the streets or at risk of rough sleeping is able to access advice, support and accommodation.

### **2. Rough Sleeping in Sheffield**

The level of rough sleeping in Sheffield has been relatively low. The annual official estimate independently verified by Homeless Link found 15 people in November 2016. An unofficial count on 25<sup>th</sup> August 2017 found 20 people. This count was undertaken by Framework (Sheffield's Street Outreach Service), and was also attended by Housing Solutions. Four of the people found to be sleeping rough during the count had accommodation available to them. All were known to services and had offers of accommodation and support.

The majority of rough sleepers are male aged between 35-50 years, white/British and from Sheffield. Most referrals to the Sheffield Street Outreach Service are made by the public who see people sleeping rough or self-referrals when people approach the team directly for assistance. Members of the public and local businesses are being asked to use the new freephone number to report the location of people they see people rough sleeping. Officers from Housing Solutions work closely with the outreach team to identify and work with everyone found rough sleeping to help support them into services.

The majority of people seen by Sheffield Street Outreach never sleep rough or are seen out only once and are supported to return home or access a suitable housing option. However, there is a small number, around 20 people who sleep rough on a fairly regular basis, in between staying with friends and stays in prison and hospital. The Council is working with those identified as 'entrenched rough sleepers' to offer them both accommodation and support including recovery to address any substance misuse issues, as well as access to health care and specialist services.

### **3. Supporting and identifying rough sleepers in Sheffield**

A person sleeping rough or at risk of doing so can access a range of services in Sheffield. This includes advice, assistance and access to housing through statutory services, as well as information and support from a range of commissioned and non-commissioned services, alongside practical help with food and clothing from voluntary and charitable organisations. People can access advice, support and a meal every day in the week from a number of different projects.

The Council has an emergency out of hour's telephone number that anyone who is homeless and has nowhere else to stay can call. They will be assessed and offered advice and assistance, which may include temporary accommodation. The offer of emergency accommodation is extended to include anyone in need of a place to stay during cold and extreme weather conditions. ASSIST (Sheffield Charity for asylum seekers) provide overnight and temporary accommodation for people who are destitute and without recourse to public funds.

SCC's housing advice and options service manager chairs a multi-agency group where each individual rough sleeper is discussed and an action plan put in place for each person with an aim to getting them off the streets and finding suitable accommodation. This includes putting support in place to help people maintain this accommodation. Members of this group include SCC, health, police, community support officers, drug and alcohol services and the voluntary and faith sector.

SCC commission a Street Outreach Service run by Framework. Framework focuses on identifying rough sleepers and supporting them to secure accommodation and support. Every week they undertake a number of early morning outreach sessions to identify and support people sleeping rough.

Many people who sleep rough have high and complex needs and are not engaged with other services such as health. SCC has a monthly complex cases panel to discuss those people with severe and enduring mental health issues who are in housing difficulty to ensure that multi-agency solutions are in place.

If people do find themselves homeless (people without a permanent home but have somewhere to stay which could be sofa surfing or temporary accommodation) and /or roofless (people who have nowhere at all to go and may have to sleep rough) they can contact the SCC Housing Options and Advice Telephone Access Team. Some people are homeless but have somewhere to stay temporarily and others potentially have to sleep on the streets. An experienced officer will offer support and advice to individuals as well as starting to determine if the council has a duty to provide accommodation. The team will also refer to supported housing if the customer has a particular housing support need. There is also an out of hours for people who find themselves roofless outside office hours.

Sheffield has a number of non – accommodation based services who offer practical help and advice to homeless and vulnerable people. These include offering one to one support as well as food, clothing, showers and laundry facilities. These include:-

- Nurse, dental and GP consultation's which can accessed on a drop-in basis at the Cathedral Archer Project
- GP and nurse surgeries or appointments are also provided in our supported accommodation
- Support and treatment available for anyone in Sheffield experiencing drug and alcohol issues- drug and alcohol services - all services in Sheffield take self-referrals and are open access, meaning people can walk in and be seen that day. There are no waiting times.

The council has a number of contracts with different local and national service providers, generally charities or housing associations, to deliver a range of housing related support services including supported accommodation services in Sheffield. These services are aimed at people who lack independent living skills and the resilience to cope with negative events in life. These services prevent people falling into crisis and reduce demand for more expensive social care and health services and for statutory homeless services.

All supported accommodation services working with people who have been street homeless, adopt a personalised approach to help people to fulfill their aspirations through a range of activities, volunteering and training opportunities.

#### **4. Severe Weather provision (SWEP)**

There is a humanitarian obligation on all local authorities to prevent deaths on the streets caused by severe winter weather. The council's responsibilities towards those households who are owed a duty under the homeless legislation are not affected by severe weather.

The Met Office weather forecast is used and when temperatures are forecast to drop to zero degrees or below for the three consecutive nights the SWEP should be implemented on day one of the three day forecast.

Once SWEP provision is in place anyone who finds themselves in a position where they have to sleep rough are placed in accommodation. This accommodation includes crash pads, hostels including their communal areas and Bed and Breakfast. The Rough Sleeper Service also works with these customers who were placed in SWEP provision to try and identify move on accommodation.

**Access to Accommodation**

**Sheffield City Council- Housing Solutions**

Call 0114 273 6306

Call the council's Housing and Options line on 0114 273 6306 from Monday – Friday, 8.30am to 5pm.

In emergencies, during evenings and weekends, please phone: 0800 7311 689. Everyone contacting the council for help and advice will receive support. This might include:

- Help to prevent someone from becoming homeless
- An assessment to determine if the council has a duty to find someone somewhere to stay
- Referring someone to a service which offers support to look at things a person might find challenging and which could lead them to leave to return to being homeless such as help to budget, or to contact landlords for repairs.
- A referral to a supported accommodation provider where support is on hand and there are regular and frequent visits from the accommodation provider's staff team.
- Sign posting to services in the city who may be able to help
- Support to register on the council housing register
- Help to find private rented accommodation

**Sheffield Street Outreach Team- Framework**

Sheffield Street Outreach Team:

Advice and support for rough sleepers.

If you need help or you see someone sleeping rough call Frameworks Street outreach Team on

08000 066 5358 or Text SOTS to 80800 followed by your message

In emergencies, during evenings and weekends, please phone: 0800 7311 689.

**ASSIST Sheffield**

Call 0114 2754960

ASSIST Sheffield  
C/o Victoria Hall Methodist Church  
Norfolk Street  
Sheffield  
S. Yorkshire  
S1 2JB

- provides support to destitute refused asylum seekers
- people who have No Recourse to Public Funds are able to access accommodation during extreme cold weather.

People with No Recourse to Public Funds may also receive help if they:

- Have dependent children
- Are victims of domestic violence
- Are victims of trafficking

### **Access to Healthcare**

Devonshire Green Surgery – provides access to GP and other primary healthcare

Dental, nurse and GP surgeries can be accessed on a drop-in basis at the Cathedral Archer Project.

GP and nurse surgeries or appointments are also provided at the Salvation Army and Bevin Court hostels and appointments at Supported Accommodation providers.

### **Drug & Alcohol Services**

Call 0114 226 3000

Support and treatment is available for anyone in Sheffield experiencing drug and alcohol issues.

All services in Sheffield take self-referrals and are open access, meaning people can walk in and be seen that day. There are no waiting times.

The support given by services is tailored to each person and might include: one-to-one support, therapeutic help, medical help and rehabilitation.

#### **Get help with alcohol**

Help is available if you're worried about your drinking or someone else's.

- Phone: 0114 226 3000
- Address: 44 Sidney Street, (Matilda Street entrance), Sheffield, S1 4RH
- Walk in: Mon, Tue, Wed and Fri 9am-4.30pm, Thursdays 9am-7pm
- Online information: [shsc.nhs.uk/service/sheffield-alcohol-services/](https://shsc.nhs.uk/service/sheffield-alcohol-services/)

**Get help with drugs - Opiate Service** - for anyone using heroin or other opiate based drugs:

- Phone: 0114 305 0500

- Address: Fitzwilliam Centre, 143-145 Fitzwilliam Street, Sheffield, S1 4JP
- Walk in: Mon, Tues, Fri 9am-4.30pm, Wed and Thurs 9am – 8pm
- Online information: [shsc.nhs.uk/service/Sheffield-opiates-service/](http://shsc.nhs.uk/service/Sheffield-opiates-service/)
- **Get help with drugs - Non Opiate Service** -This service is for anyone using drugs such as cocaine, cannabis, new psychoactive substances and any other non-opiate based substances.
- Phone: 0114 272 1481
- Address: 44 Sidney Street (Sidney Street entrance), Sheffield, S1 4RH
- Walk in: Mon, Tue, Fri – 9am-4.30pm, Wed 9-7pm (5-7pm Juice Clinic for steroid and performance and image enhancing drug users), and Thurs 9-7pm.
- Online information: [shsc.nhs.uk/service/sheffield-non-opiates-service/](http://shsc.nhs.uk/service/sheffield-non-opiates-service/)

### **Addaction Sheffield**

- Work with anyone over 18 who has a substance misuse issue which has led to involvement in the criminal justice system. Aim to reduce the impact of drug related harm and offending for individuals and the wider community. Services are open to everyone, including people who are completing a statutory order.
- Service opening hours are Monday – Friday 9-5 (late appointments are available Thursdays 5-7) This includes support groups including Narcotics Anonymous (NA); a weekly Art Group; acupuncture; and fishing (seasonally).

### **Needle exchange**

Needle exchanges are available at the Opiate and Non-Opiate services. More than 14 pharmacies also provide a needle exchange. See where

#### **Support groups**

Support for people to address criminal behaviour relating to substance misuse  
Addaction Sheffield provides support for adults to address offending behaviour relating to their substance misuse. They support people who are completing statutory orders and others who are attending voluntarily. They also offer a range of mutual aid groups and activities.

Find out more.

Call: 0114 253 6830

Address: 42 Sidney Street, Sheffield, S1 4RH

### **Local charities working with vulnerable people**

#### **Cathedral Archer Project**

Help homeless people achieve a better life. There are a range of services and activities on offer. These include:

- Assessment and signposting to appropriate service providers
- 1:1 support
- In-house nurse and dental clinics
- Access to hot food, drinks and food parcels
- Showers and laundry
- A programme of activities to help people learn skills and enjoy new experiences
- The chance to gain accredited awards
- A structured volunteer programme which helps people to gain structure in their lives.
- Support to attend drug and alcoholic treatment services
- Access to computers and telephones

We are open Monday to Fridays from 8.30am to 1.30pm. We need volunteers to help deliver our services as well as donations. Find out how to get involved.

### **Ben's Centre**

Ben's Centre is a day centre and an outreach service for people who suffer from the negative impact of drugs or alcohol. We provide:

- Hot meals and drinks
- Clothing and sleeping bags
- Client advocacy
- Treatment referrals and advice
- Key working and support
- Support with benefits, housing, physical and mental health services
- Hair cutting
- Podiatry
- Hygiene support
- Activities, day trips and workshops
- Internet access
- Food bank referrals
- Volunteering and time bank opportunities
- Outreach services support people in their own environments

Open on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays: 10:30am to 2:30pm.  
 Contact us: 0114 279 9961 or 07771 897 086; or email:  
 benscentre@hotmail.co.uk

### **The Sunday Centre**

Provide a safe, warm refuge for homeless and vulnerable people on Sundays – providing hot food and drinks, and offering guests the chance to socialise with others. Help guests access information about other services that may benefit them.

Sessions are run in Victoria Hall Methodist Church, using the entrance on George Street for access. Session timings are:

- 1.30pm onwards - tea/coffee bar with biscuits and cup-of-soups available. Guests are also able to chat among themselves or with volunteers, read books & newspapers and play board games or snooker.
  - 2pm - two-course hot lunch is served, prepared on site by our volunteer kitchen team.
  - 3.30pm – sessions close.
- Our sessions are run entirely by volunteers. We are always glad to hear from people who want to get involved or donate to us.

Session timings are:

- Mondays: 1pm - 4pm, Art group
  - Wednesdays: 1:45pm – 4pm, Momentum: a semi-structured support group rolling 12 week program
  - Fridays: 10am – 12noon, Right Turn group for veterans - 1pm - 3pm, Tea and Toast – relaxed drop in with games, food, magazines and more.
- We would like volunteers to work as part of our team in all aspects of our service. To find out how to get involved contact Beth Mottram on 0114 253 6830.

### **The Soup Run**

Sheffield Churches Soup Kitchen is based on King Street and provides food and 1:1 support.

Available 7 nights per week. Open from 8pm till 9pm between September and May. Typically, food includes hot drinks, sandwiches, crisps, cakes and biscuits. Dog and cat food is also available.

They get to know many of those who attend really well and alert other services if regulars go missing or if new faces appear.

Small fund is used to buy clothing, small pieces of furniture, or electric goods such as fridges or cookers.

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## Report to Safer and Stronger Communities Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee 9<sup>th</sup> November 2017

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**Report of:** Policy & Improvement Officer

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**Subject:** Work Programme 2017/18

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The updated work programme for 2017/18 is attached at Appendix 1 for the Committee's consideration and discussion.

The work programme has been updated with agenda items identified previously populated in meetings schedule, the remainder to be confirmed for 2017/18 meetings. To prioritise or update further the work programme the Committee may wish to reflect on the prioritisation principles attached at Appendix 3 to ensure that scrutiny activity is focussed where it can add most value. Appendix 2 provides a log of the issues looked at in 2014/16, 2015/16 & 2016/17.

Where an issue is not appropriate for inclusion on a meeting agenda, but there is significant interest from members, the Committee can choose to request a written briefing.

The work programme remains a live document and will be shared / discussed at each committee meeting.

**The Scrutiny Committee is being asked to:**

- Consider and discuss the committee's remaining work programme for 2017/18
- Provide comment / feedback/agree the updated work programme

**Category of Report:** OPEN



**Safer and Stronger Communities Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee**

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**WORK PROGRAMME 2017/18**

**Last updated:** 4<sup>th</sup> September 2017

**Please note:** the work programme is a live document and so is subject to change.

Topic	Reasons for selecting topic	Key contacts	Proposed scrutiny style
<b>Thursday 6th July 5-8 pm</b>			
<i>Hate Crime Task Group - initial response to the recommendations of the task group</i>	<i>Extract from Task Group report "The Committee would like to request that Cabinet provide an initial response to their recommendations by July 2017 with a more detailed progress report to be provided by the end of 2017"</i>	<i>Maxine Stavrianakos</i>	
<i>Hate Crime - verbal updates from partners</i>	<i>SYP Hate Crime Lead - update; Equality Hub Network</i>	<i>South Yorkshire Police - DCI Ian Proffitt - verbal update; EHN task group - verbal update from Magid Magid</i>	
<i>Fire Safety on Council High Rise Residential Blocks</i>	<i>To receive an update on actions by Sheffield Council following Grenfell Tower fire</i>	<i>Jayne Dunn, Cabinet Member, Janet Sharpe, Director of Housing and Neighbourhood Services, Jill Hurst, Head of Housing Investment and Repairs,</i>	
<i>draft work programme 2017-18</i>		<i>Policy and Improvement Officer</i>	

<i><b>For information</b> - update report on Financial Inclusion Strategy</i>		<i>Cat Arnold</i>	
<i><b>For information</b> - Response to public questions</i>	<i>Response to public questions raised at 6th April meeting (2 No.)</i>	<i>Policy and Improvement Officer</i>	
<b>Thursday 14th September 4-7pm</b>			
<i>Challenge for Change - Access to Rehousing Services</i>	<i>Consider report and presentation on the latest completed project</i>	<i>Tina Gilbert, Assistant Manager, Communities; Tenants</i>	<i>Single Agenda Item</i>
<i>Update on Welfare Reform</i>	<i>Receive an update on Welfare Reform, including Universal Credit, Personal Independence Payments, Benefit Cap</i>	<i>Report of Director of Policy, Performance, Communications</i>	<i>Briefing paper</i>
<i>Tower Blocks Update - Fire Safety on Council High Rise Residential Blocks</i>	<i>Receive for information an update on progress on actions by Sheffield Council since the Committee considered this item 6th July 2017</i>	<i>Report of Director of Housing and Neighbourhoods Service</i>	<i>Briefing Paper</i>
<i>Work programme 2017-18</i>		<i>Policy and Improvement Officer</i>	<i>Standing Item</i>

9th November - 4:45 pm		Sheffield Cathedral, Domino Hall, access from Campo Lane	
Street Culture	An introduction to what is Street Culture and the services in Sheffield – to include begging, drinking, rough sleeping. Cabinet Adviser and officers from Sheffield City Council have been invited to provide current position, including services commissioned, alongside agencies, services, groups who deliver on the ground.	Cllr Tony Downing, Cabinet Adviser for Safe City; Maxine Stavrianakos SCC Head of Neighbourhood Intervention & Tenant Support; Suzanne Allen, Head of Citywide Neighbourhood Services; Tracey Ford, DACT; Superintendent Paul McCurry, South Yorkshire Police; Cathedral Archer Project; City Centre Ambassadors; Street Pastor/Soup Kitchen; Framework Street Outreach Team; Sheffield City Centre Action Group	Main agenda item
Work programme 2017-18		Policy and Improvement Officer	Standing Item
Thursday 14th December 4-7 pm			6th December
Neighbourhood Policing	Receive an update on neighbourhood policing now, including the combined Council/South Yorkshire Police team, and future direction - separate visit to Neighbourhood Policing Team	South Yorkshire Police and Maxine Stavrianakos	TBC
Community Safety - safe city - neighbourhood policing	Consider non hate crime and policing matters, including 101 service - broader what's happening to make Sheffield communities safer - separate visit to Neighbourhood Policing Team	Combine with above	TBC

Work programme 2017-18 - PQs		Policy and Improvement Officer	Standing Item
<b>Thursday 18th January 4-7 pm</b>			<b>10th January</b>
Hate Crime Task Group - more detailed progress report	More detailed reporting on response to recommendations - See July agenda item for details.	Jayne Dunn, Cabinet Member, Maxine Stavrianakos, Head of Neighbourhood Intervention & Tenant Support; Equality Hub	
Safer & Sustainable Communities Partnership Board	Scrutiny of Sheffield Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership plan, performance, along with issues from Safer and Stronger Communities Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee (the Crime and Disorder Committee in Sheffield)		TBC
Tower Blocks	Ongoing item to consider Tower Blocks Fire Safety, follow up to the scrutiny committee item July 2017: Invite representatives from emergency services and HSE;	SYFR/HSE	Agenda Item
Work programme 2017-18 - PQs		Policy and Improvement Officer	Standing Item
<b>Thursday 8th March 4-7 pm</b>			<b>28th February</b>
Tower Blocks	Ongoing item to consider Tower Blocks Fire Safety a follow up to the scrutiny committee item July 2017 - <b>current position on Grenfell Tower inquiry</b>	Jayne Dunn & Janet Sharpe	

Housing +	A review and progress report - early 2018; current state of play, lessons and improvements		Briefing Paper or possibly agenda (link to other items)
Sheffield Cohesion Strategy	An update on progress and actions - strategy implementation		TBC
Scrutiny Annual Report 2017-18 Draft Content & Work Programme 2018-19	This report provides the Committee with a summary of its activities over the municipal year for inclusion in the Scrutiny Annual Report 2017-18. It also includes a list of topics which it is recommended be put forward for consideration as part of the 2018-19 Work Programme for this committee.	Policy and Improvement Officer	Briefing Paper
<b>TASK GROUP</b>			
Dependent on resources and need			
<b>Possible topics to be scheduled</b>			
Youth Justice	Scrutiny focus to be developed - cross committee		TBC
Housing - evictions	Consider and test policy, process, costs		TBC
Neighbourhood Working - A New Approach for Sheffield	The committee received a report on 16th February		TBC

Police and Crime Panel/ Police and Crime Plan - Consider the PCC's report and Annual Briefing Note to PCP members from this Committee	Putting in place the South Yorkshire wide working protocols and memorandum of association between Police and Crime Panel and the 4 Crime and Disorder Committees - Safer and Stronger Communities Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee in Sheffield.		TBC
South Yorkshire Fire Authority	Briefing on priorities, performance of SYFA		Briefing Paper - TBC

**Safer and Stronger Communities Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee - Log of Topics**

Topic	Year	Month
Right to Buy Update report - Briefing Paper	2014/15	February
Police and Crime Panel Update	2014/15	November
The Housing+ Model and its Implementation	2014/15	September
Update for Challenge for Change Grass Cutting Report	2014/15	November
Police and Crime Panel Update	2014/15	March
Land Management Arrangements Within the HRA - Briefing Paper	2014/15	February
Welfare Reform - January 2015 Update - Briefing Paper	2014/15	February
Review of the Partner Resource Allocation Meeting (PRAM) - briefing paper	2014/15	July
Challenge for Change - Community Engagement	2014/15	September
Welfare Reform - November 2014 Update - Briefing Paper	2014/15	November
The Impact of Welfare Reform on Sheffield's Residents - Update March 2015	2014/15	March
Review of the Partner Resource Allocation Meeting (PRAM) - Briefing Paper	2014/15	November
Council House Building	2014/15	July
Progress on Implementation of the Allocations Policy	2014/15	March
Social Housing Repairs and Maintenance Contract	2014/15	March
Right to Buy Update report - briefing paper	2014/15	March
Responding to Domestic and Sexual Abuse in Sheffield	2014/15	February
Call-In of Decision on 'Future Options for the Housing Repairs & Maintenance Service'	2014/15	March
Police and Crime Panel Update	2014/15	February
Review of the Partner Resource Allocation Meeting (PRAM) - briefing paper	2014/15	March
South Yorkshire Police and Crime Panel – Joint Working Protocol Proposal	2014/15	September
The Impact of Welfare Reform on Sheffield's Residents	2014/15	July
Local Area Partnerships and Community Engagement - Briefing Paper	2014/15	November
Community Safety Update 2015	2014/15	February
Draft Work Programme	2014/15	July
Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Business Plan Update 2015/16	2014/15	November
Welfare Reform - September 2014 Update	2014/15	September
Right to Buy Update November 2014 - Briefing Paper	2014/15	November
Right to Buy Update - September 2014	2014/15	September
Right to Buy Update report - briefing paper	2014/15	July

## Sheffield Council Scrutiny Selecting Scrutiny topics

This tool is designed to assist the Scrutiny Committees focus on the topics most appropriate for their scrutiny.

- **P**ublic Interest  
The concerns of local people should influence the issues chosen for scrutiny;
- **A**bility to Change / Impact  
Priority should be given to issues that the Committee can realistically have an impact on, and that will influence decision makers;
- **P**erformance  
Priority should be given to the areas in which the Council, and other organisations (public or private) are not performing well;
- **E**xtent  
Priority should be given to issues that are relevant to all or large parts of the city (geographical or communities of interest);
- **R**eplication / other approaches  
Work programmes must take account of what else is happening (or has happened) in the areas being considered to avoid duplication or wasted effort. Alternatively, could another body, agency, or approach (e.g. briefing paper) more appropriately deal with the topic

### Other influencing factors

- **Cross-party** - There is the potential to reach cross-party agreement on a report and recommendations.
- **Resources**. Members with the Policy & Improvement Officer can complete the work needed in a reasonable time to achieve the required outcome