

Appendix 4: Consultation

1. Introduction

- 1.1. The Council has spent the last year gathering evidence to enable us to write the Strategy. This has included several consultations and meetings with our partners and customers.
- 1.2. Although we as the Council are responsible for writing the Strategy, it is a city-wide document which is for everyone. Involving our partners and customers has therefore been vital to developing a strategy that provides a vision for everyone including actions that are achievable, and will have the most impact on reducing homelessness.
- 1.3. We have conducted much of our consultation online due to the pandemic.
- 1.4. The below details the consultation we have already undertaken and that which is still left to do prior to the committee meeting in November.

2. Initial Consultation

- 2.1. Over the last year we have held a number of consultation sessions around the city with partners, stakeholders and customers. This enabled us to get people's views and buy-in for the city strategy before we began writing.
- 2.2. We have held a number of events with partners over the past year. This has included some specific workshops around what the strategy should include. We have also held bi-weekly steering groups which have covered topics which relate to prevention, and these have also fed into the strategy.

Done for new strategy	Date
Online consultation for residents run over two periods of time (98 participants)	2021 and May 2022
Workshops with our steering groups including two sessions focused on the strategy a workshop with DWP on hidden homeless (combined total of 55 people) and a session on cost of living	July 2021- May 2022
Internal Consultation with housing staff	Nov 2021- January 2022
Workshop with our addressing health and care needs steering group	1st December 2021
Shelter peer research (12 participants who have a history of homelessness)	May-June 2022
Workshops with 45 Members of SCC staff at a city wide housing event	18th May 2022
Two workshops held with the changing futures co-production service (10 participants with lived experience)	08th June 2022 and 5th August 2022
Workshop with South Yorkshire Frontline Network	13th June 2022
Workshop with young people facilitated by roundabout	2nd July 2022

Workshop @ providers forum	5th July 2022
Meeting with officers at the Probation Service	11th July 2022
Workshop at the Combined Welfare Reform	21st July 2022
Meeting with internal Leaving Care service	20th July 2022
Workshop at weekly Volunteer Action Sheffield meeting	28th July 2022
Workshop with Registered Providers	29th July 2022
Workshop @ Health and Wellbeing board	13th September 2022

3. Draft Strategy Consultation

- 3.1. We have gathered evidence from the consultation over the year to develop a draft strategy. We have now circulated the draft to all stakeholders, partners, and those with lived experience.
- 3.2. An initial workshop was held with the Homelessness Prevention forum in November to discuss priority 5-Strengthening Partnerships and Improving Systems and the actions each organisation could take to achieve this
- 3.3. Workshops have been held with internal and external organisations and both have been asked to send comments on the draft to the team.
- 3.4. We have also undertaken an online consultation on the draft with residents. This was advertised through our Facebook and LinkedIn pages. The consultation ran for a period of 3 weeks from 9th-30th November.
- 3.5. Relevant comments have been incorporated into the strategy prior to the December housing committee meeting.

4. Launch of Strategy

- 4.1. Following the December housing committee, we will hold a number of launch sessions with internal and external partners, stakeholders and those with lived experience. We will hold an initial session and follow-on ones based around each priority to discuss how each organisation/service could contribute to formulating the action plan. We will also be circulating proformas for organisations to sign up to the strategy.