

RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO HEALTH & HOUSING COMMITTEE

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title: DRAFT HOMELESS STRATEGY 2022-2025
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1 PURPOSE

1.1 To present the Homeless Review and Strategy 2022-2025 to Members.

1.2 Relevance to the Council's ambitions and priorities

- Community Objectives – To address housing needs across the borough.
- Corporate Priorities -
- Other Considerations -

2 BACKGROUND

2.1 The Homelessness Act 2002 requires all LA's to have an up to date Homelessness Strategy which sets out the priorities for the service and addresses the key areas of housing need which should be informed by consultation.

3 INFORMATION

3.1 The draft document is attached at Appendix 1. Prior to Adoption consultation with all relevant partners needs to be undertaken. A Homeless forum to which Members will be invited, will be organised to give partners an opportunity to discuss and consider the priorities and proposed actions within the document.

4 RISK ASSESSMENT

4.1 The approval of this report may have the following implications

- Resources – Essential that the homeless service has a clear steer of the priorities for the service.
- Technical, Environmental and Legal – It is a legal requirement that there is a strategy adopted for the homeless service.
- Political – Important to have a clear steer for the service and politically to give a clear direction of the priorities.
- Reputation – An action plan for improving the service is important for service delivery.
- Equality & Diversity – All vulnerable households are identified within the service.

5 RECOMMENDED THAT COMMITTEE

- 5.1 Agree for the Homeless Strategy 2022 – 2025 to go out for consultation, the response from which is considered by the Director of Economic Development and Planning, in consultation with the chair and vice-chair of this Committee and subject to there being no issues that warrant further consideration by members that the strategy is adopted.
- 5.2 Delegate to the Director of Economic Development and Planning authority to undertake any technical updates and amendments to assist interpretation, clarity or accuracy where there is no change to policy intent.

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