

# RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO HEALTH & HOUSING COMMITTEE

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title: HOMELESS STRATEGY 2022-2025  
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## 1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To request Health and Housing Committee approve the Homeless Strategy 2022-2025.
- 1.2 Relevance to the Council's ambitions and priorities
- Community Objectives – To address housing needs of households in the borough.

## 2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The draft strategy was presented to Health & Housing Committee in January 2022 and has since been out to consultation. The strategy was discussed in detail at the Homeless Forum in June 2022. Following these consultations, the strategy has been amended to reflect comments received and is now ready for adoption.
- 2.2 The main areas of change to the document are the inclusion of a summary, updating the action plan around the Domestic Abuse services in the borough and updating the information about affordable housing completions.

## 3 ISSUES

- 3.1 It is a requirement of the Homeless Act that there is an up-to-date Homeless Strategy and therefore essential that there is a current strategy approved.

## 4 RISK ASSESSMENT

- 4.1 The approval of this report may have the following implications
- Resources – All the actions and objectives of the strategy that have a resource implication have been identified and the budget for each stated.
  - Technical, Environmental and Legal – Essential that an up-to-date strategy is adopted and in place.
  - Political – Important that this statutory function of the RVBC has clear direction and actions to improve the service.
  - Reputation – Essential that the Homeless Strategy is adopted and provides guidance and objectives for all those delivering the service.
  - Equality & Diversity – All households in housing needs are provided with housing options.

5 **RECOMMENDED THAT COMMITTEE**

5.1 Approve the Ribble Valley Homeless Strategy for 2022- 2025.



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