

INFORMATION ITEM

REPORT OF	MEETING	DATE	ITEM NO
DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIRECTORATE	ENVIRONMENT, HEALTH AND HOUSING COMMITTEE	6 NOVEMBER 2018	5
UPDATE ON THE HOMELESSNESS STRATEGY ACTION PLAN 2013-2018			

PUBLIC ITEM

This item is for consideration in the public part of the meeting.

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

The Homelessness Act 2002 requires Housing Authorities to publish a Homelessness Strategy. The current Homelessness Strategy runs from 2013-2018 and has three priority areas that have been taken forward in the action plan, monitored by the Fylde Homelessness Forum.

1. Maximise existing partnerships to effectively use current resources
2. Prevent homelessness
3. Increase the supply of settled accommodation including access into the private rented sector and implement a pilot policy to discharge the homeless duty into the private rented sector.

The majority of priorities detailed in the Action Plan have been completed and superseded by the Homeless Reduction Act 2017 and the Fylde Coast Homelessness Prevention Trailblazer project.

An Information update on the Fylde Coast Homelessness Trailblazer project was taken to this Committee in June 2018. The Trailblazer project has evolved the Fylde Homeless Forum, into a Fylde Coast Homeless Forum that brings all local authorities and partners together that work across the Fylde Coast to prevent homelessness.

An update on the implementation of the Homeless Reduction Act 2017 will be taken to Environment, Health and Housing Committee in January 2019.

This report is the final update on the action plan for the Homelessness Strategy 2013-18. A new strategy will be prepared for 2019-2024.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION

<http://www.fylde.gov.uk/resident/housing/homelessness-housing-advice/homelessnessstrategy/>

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WHY IS THIS INFORMATION BEING GIVEN TO THE COMMITTEE?

An annual strategy action plan update is presented to members each Autumn during the life of the Strategy.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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