

## Draft Version 1

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of the Scrutiny Panel was to review how the Borough Council and its partners prevent homelessness and to respond to those without homes in the borough.

#### Key Lines of Enquiry

- To gain an understanding of the work currently being undertaken by Northampton Borough Council (NBC), partnerships, statutory and voluntary organisations to address homelessness
- To assess the extent of homelessness and rough sleeping in the borough assess the initiatives currently in place to tackle homelessness
- To examine the Council's Severe Weather Provision
- To gain an understanding of the effect on the health, wellbeing and the safety of homelessness people, including rough sleepers
- To gain an understanding of the causes and barriers to support homelessness
- Identify any specific groups that are not accessing services

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee, at its work programming event in April 2016, agreed to include a review around how the Borough Council and its partners prevent homelessness. An in-depth review commenced in May 2016 and concluded in March 2017.

This review links to the Council's corporate priorities, particularly corporate priority 3 - Housing for Everyone - Helping those that need it to have a safe and secure home

Statutory Homeless - Households that meet specific criteria of priority need set out in legislation and to whom a homelessness duty has been accepted by a local authority. May not literally be living without a roof over their heads.

Rough Sleeping - about to bed down or bedded down in the open air (streets, tents, doorways, parks and bus shelters, etc.). Living in places that are not designed for habitation (stairwells, barns, sheds, car parks, boats, stations, cars, etc.)

For counts and estimates, Officers do not include:

- People who are living in hostels or shelters
- Squatters, travellers or people who are living in campsites or other sites for recreational purposes or organised protest

## CONCLUSIONS AND KEY FINDINGS

A significant amount of evidence was heard, details of which are contained in the report. After gathering evidence the Scrutiny Panel established that: -

To be added

## RECOMMENDATIONS

The above overall findings have formed the basis for the following recommendations: -

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Scrutiny Panel 3 recommends to Cabinet:

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