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### **OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**24 SEPTEMBER 2018**

#### **BRIEFING NOTE:**

#### **SCRUTINY PANEL 1 - HOMELESSNESS AND ROUGH SLEEPERS**

##### **1 INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 Since the last meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, the Scrutiny Panel has held two evidence gathering meetings.

##### **2 UPDATE**

- 2.1 The Scrutiny Panel received a presentation that set the scene for the Review, approved its core questions to be put to key expert advisors and attended a number of site visits. A Community Impact Assessment for the Review was completed and has been published.
- 2.2 At the meeting held on 6 September 2018, the Scrutiny Panel received responses to its core questions from key internal expert advisors; received a briefing note around published papers about rough sleeping and homelessness. A member of the public attended the meeting and gave details of his experiences of being homeless. The Scrutiny Panel also watched a TED talk around Housing First, which was highly relevant to the purpose of this Scrutiny Review.
- 2.3 Further evidence gathering meetings are scheduled, with the next one set for 8 November 2018.
- 2.4 In accordance with the Scrutiny Panel Protocol the Chair of this Scrutiny Panel will provide written progress reports to future meetings of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for information.

##### **3 RECOMMENDATION**

- 3.1 That the Overview and Scrutiny Committee notes the progress report.

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