



Work Outline

Tackling Winter Rough Sleeping

Housing and Homes Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Our key question:	What is the extent of rough sleeping in the city and what further steps can we take to reduce it?
1. How is O&S adding value through this work?	<p>O&S is in a unique position to engage Members in this debate and to take a critical look at the evidence and data.</p> <p>This report and debate at Council will feed into the Homeless System Change Programme which has recently been started.</p>
2. What needs to be done?	<p>Key lines of enquiry:</p> <p>How many people are rough sleeping and how do 'actual stats' and recording methodologies reflect realities?</p> <p>How does Birmingham compare to the other core cities in terms of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual count figure • Unofficial figures • Methodologies? <p>What other data is available/desirable? - How many people receive what services from contracted providers, the City and third sector organisations? How many complaints to West Midlands Police, Councillors?</p> <p>How does demand for shelter correspond to need, eg how many beds/shelters?</p> <p>How can third sector capacity be captured and maximised alongside statutory and other relief services?</p> <p>What is the best way to get messages across to the citizens of Birmingham? What is the best way for agencies to reassure businesses?</p>
3. What timescale do we propose to do this in?	Evidence gathering will be held in November, with a discussion report to City Council in December
4. What outcomes are we looking to achieve?	<p>Raising issues through report to Council</p> <p>Identifying concerns to feed into the Homeless System Change Programme</p>



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Member / Officer Leads

Lead Member:	Cllr Victoria Quinn
Lead Officer:	Benita Wishart

Time Frame for Core Phases of the Review

Meetings and evidence-gathering sessions:	Evidence gathering: 8 th November 2016 Member involvement in the annual rough sleepers count: 10 th November 2016 Member visits with third sector on ground. Members to commit to at least one evidence gathering session and data collection before November meeting
Drafting the report:	<i>9th November – 18th November</i>
Consideration of the draft report by the Committee:	<i>By 18th November</i>
<i>Share with Executive and finalise report.</i>	<i>By 24th November 2016</i>
Reporting to the City Council:	6 th December 2016