

**Meeting:** Integrated Housing Board

**Date:** 25<sup>th</sup> July 2011

**Report Title:** Haringey's draft Homelessness Strategy 2011-2014

**Report of:** Community Housing Services

**1. Purpose:**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek agreement for Haringey's draft Homelessness Strategy 2011-2014 for consultation.
- 1.2 For the IHB to agree the consultation process.

**2. Summary:**

- 2.1 It is a statutory requirement for the Council to have in place a Homelessness strategy. This new strategy follows on from the previous one which ends this year.
- 2.2 The strategy has been developed through a multi-partnership approach involving statutory and third sector organisations.
- 2.3 The strategy builds on the success of the previous one and is timely because of the major changes happening through welfare benefit reforms and changes to social housing sector brought in by the new Government.
- 2.4 The main priorities of the draft strategy are to:
  1. Prevention and tenancy sustainment
  2. Mitigate the negative impacts of the welfare benefit reforms
  3. Partnership working
  4. Maximise supply
  5. Improve life chances of homelessness people

We have identified the draft key actions to deliver the priorities and we will be consulting on these during the 3 month consultation period.

- 2.5 There will be a wide range of consultation activities to ensure that we capture the views of all interested parties and that the priorities are correct and the key actions to deliver are the right ones. We are seeking our partners assistance in undertaking the consultation and ensure that it

is not just Council led.

- 2.6 Once the consultation closes we will incorporate the findings into the document and develop the delivery plan. A separate consultation report will be published.
- 2.7 An equalities impact assessment is currently being undertaken and the actions from this will be fed into the delivery plan.
- 2.8 The strategy will be presented to the IHB at its next meeting in November for final agreement before being taken to Cabinet for approval.

### **3. Legal/Financial Implications:**

Not applicable at this stage of the strategy development

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## **5. Appendices**

- 5.1 Appendix 1 – Homelessness Strategy 2011- 2014 (to be sent out w/b 18.7.11)
- 5.2 Appendix 2 - Consultation plan