



Scope for Homelessness review in East Staffordshire Scrutiny (Economic Growth, Communities and Health) Committee

Sub Group Membership:

Cllr P Ackroyd (Chair)

Background / Context:

The background for this review is encapsulated in the Council motion below

“That, in response to the tragic circumstances surrounding the death, by suicide of Mrs Angela Winter in June of 2021, this Council calls for an urgent scrutiny review by the Community Regeneration, Environment and Health and Well Being Committee to establish if the current policies and practices involved in delivering a service to rough sleepers are the best they can be and based on the Committee’s findings, make any necessary recommendations to the Executive for ways to improve the service”.

What are the core questions (no more than 3) the review is seeking to answer?

What does the provision of the current service entail?

Which authority is recognised as the benchmark for homelessness services? How does ESBC compare with this and what enhancements could be made?

What lessons have been learned from the suicide of Mrs Winter?

What is the purpose of the Review (in one sentence)?

To explore the provision of homelessness service and to assess this against recognised best practice in the UK.

To identify any lessons learned and make recommendations for service enhancement

Scrutiny approach

In scope

What will be included in the review?

A review of the service provision and to seek recommendations for potential enhancements

Out of scope

What will not be included?

An examination of the circumstances around the death of Mrs Winter

What is the timescale?

August 31st 2022

What evidence / data do you need?

Homelessness data

Scale of homelessness in East Staffs

Contract specifications if applicable

Details of how the service currently operates

Best practice examples

Resources

Officer time

Stakeholders to interview

Housing Options Manager

Burton YMCA

Burton Hope