

# **OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**28th March 2017**

## **HOMELESSNESS – PROPOSED TASK GROUP**

Relevant Portfolio Holder	Councillor Mark Shurmer, Portfolio Holder for Housing.
Portfolio Holder Consulted	No.
Relevant Head of Service	Liz Tompkin, Head of Community Services and Judith Willis, Head of Community Services.
Ward(s) Affected	All wards.
Non-Key Decision	

### **1. SUMMARY OF PROPOSALS**

This report provides Members with an opportunity to consider a proposal that has been received for Members to undertake a Task Group review of homelessness in Redditch.

### **2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

**The Committee is asked to RESOLVE to approve one of the following options:**

- 1) Subject to any changes agreed during the meeting, the proposed Homelessness Task Group be launched.**
- 2) Members receive a presentation on the subject of homelessness in the Borough at a forthcoming meeting (or meetings) of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.**
- 3) No further action be taken by Overview and Scrutiny Members in respect of this matter.**
- 4) Alternative action, to be identified and clearly specified during the meeting, be taken in relation to this matter.**

### **3. KEY ISSUES**

#### **Background**

- 3.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee can launch reviews of a range of topics. To ensure best use of resources Members are encouraged to focus on subjects that address the needs of the local community.
- 3.2 Homelessness was previously reviewed by Redditch Members in 2006. Sufficient time has elapsed for a fresh review of homelessness to explore the subject without duplicating the previous work of Members.

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**Financial Implications**

- 3.3 There are no direct financial implications for the Council.

**Legal Implications**

- 3.4 There are no direct legal implications for the Council.

**Service / Operational Implications**

- 3.5 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee is asked to note that as agreed in 2016/17 whilst meetings of the working groups continue to take place there are only sufficient officer resources to facilitate one Task Group at any one time.
- 3.6 Subject to the Mental Health Services for Young People Task Group review ending in March 2017 there will be no Task Group or Short Sharp Reviews taking place in Redditch at the start of the 2017/18 municipal year.

**Customer / Equalities and Diversity Implications**

- 3.7 A review of homelessness could have implications for some of the Council's most vulnerable customers.

**4. RISK MANAGEMENT**

No specific risks have been identified.

**5. APPENDICES**

Appendix 1 – Homelessness Task Group – Scoping Document.

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