

RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

Tuesday, 15 October 2013

Decision No: (CAB 13/14 10728)

DECISION-MAKER:	CABINET
PORTFOLIO AREA:	CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING AND SUSTAINABILITY SERVICES
SUBJECT:	SOUTHAMPTON'S HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION STRATEGY 2013-18
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THE DECISION

- (i) To approve Southampton's Homelessness Prevention Strategy 2013-2018.
- (ii) To support the priority actions set out in the Homelessness Prevention Strategy.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

1. The Homelessness Act 2002 requires the Local Authority to review and produce a new Homelessness Strategy every five years; Southampton published its first Homelessness Strategy in 2003. The Homelessness Prevention Strategy 2013/18 sets out reasons for, and the ways in which, Southampton City Council and its partners will achieve its key objectives in tackling homelessness. Southampton has a legal duty to publish the new Homelessness Strategy in 2013.
2. Southampton Homelessness Prevention Strategy 2013/18 has been developed in consultation with key stakeholders; priority actions have been identified to support the strategy. In view of the rapidly changing economic and social environment, stakeholders agreed that an annual review of homeless trends should be conducted to identify actions needed against the priorities set out in the strategy to reflect the changes in demand from homeless households.

DETAILS OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

The Council could decide that the existing objectives are NOT relevant and that a prescriptive action plan be devised which sets out actions for the entire five year strategy period. In view of the uncertainty created by welfare reform changes this could lead to inappropriate actions and result in limited resources being used for the

wrong priorities.

OTHER RELEVANT MATTERS CONCERNING THE DECISION

None.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None.

CONFIRMED AS A TRUE RECORD

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Date: 15th October 2013

Decision Maker:
The Cabinet

Proper Officer:
Judy Cordell

SCRUTINY

Note: This decision will come in to force at the expiry of 5 working days from the date of publication subject to any review under the Council's Scrutiny "Call-In" provisions.

Call-In Period expires on

Date of Call-in (*if applicable*) (*this suspends implementation*)

Call-in Procedure completed (*if applicable*)

Call-in heard by (*if applicable*)

Results of Call-in (*if applicable*)