

**Consultation for Shropshire Interim Homelessness Strategy Action Plan
2010-2011****Responsible Officer** Brighid Carey

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Summary

In order to re-align the Shropshire Homelessness Strategy with the Shropshire Housing Strategy an Interim Homelessness Strategy Action Plan has been developed (2010/11). From 2011 both Strategies will be reviewed to develop a Shropshire Housing Strategy and a Shropshire Homelessness Strategy, both to run in parallel from 2011-2014.

The draft Interim Homelessness Strategy Action Plan requires stakeholder consultation before adoption by the Council.

Recommendations

1. To agree the draft Interim Homelessness Strategy Action Plan 2010-2011 for consultation (Appendix 1)
2. To agree the consultation arrangements as outlined in Appendix 2

Report**Background Information**

1. The first Countywide Shropshire Homelessness Strategy 2003-2008 was adopted by and implemented through the previous 'shire county' arrangements and led by the multi-agency Shropshire Homelessness Strategy Implementation Group (HSIG).
2. In preparation for the transition to a unitary authority and following a comprehensive review of the 2003-2008 Strategy, a 12 month Homelessness Strategy Action Plan 2008/2009 was agreed by the Implementation Executive

(9 July 2008) This Action Plan contained actions and targets beyond 2008/09. This was to ensure the actions and identified challenges within the 2003-2008 Strategy continued to be developed through the transition to a Unitary Authority.

3. The transition to a Unitary Council has enabled the Homelessness Strategy Implementation Group (HSIG) to reconvene with new membership to reflect closer working with other services within the authority and other agencies.
4. In order to re-align the Shropshire Homelessness Strategy with the Shropshire Housing Strategy an Interim Homelessness Strategy Action Plan has been developed (2010/11) which carries forward action from the 2008/2009 Homelessness Strategy. From 2011 both Strategies will be reviewed to develop a Shropshire Housing Strategy and a Shropshire Homelessness Strategy, both to run in parallel from 2011-2014.

Current Position

1. The new Interim Homelessness Strategy Action Plan 2010/11 (Appendix 1) has been developed through the HSIG partnership.
2. This Interim Plan requires stakeholder consultation before adoption by the Council.
3. The proposed consultation arrangements are outlined in Appendix 2

List of Background Papers (This MUST be completed for all reports, but does not include items containing exempt or confidential information)

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Human Rights Act Appraisal

The recommendations contained in this report are compatible with the provisions of the Human Rights act 1998.

Environmental Appraisal

There are no significant implication directly arising from this report.

Risk Management Appraisal

The Council is required to have a current Homelessness Strategy and Implementation Plan. The proposed Interim Plan satisfies this requirement pending development of a new Homelessness Strategy 2011 – 2014.

Community / Consultations Appraisal

Stakeholder consultation is required (Appendix 2)

Cabinet Member:

Cllr Malcolm Price - Portfolio Holder Housing

Local Member

All areas

Appendix

1: draft Interim Homelessness Strategy Action Plan 2010/11

2: Interim Homelessness Strategy Action Plan : Consultation Plan