

Meeting:	Tenants' and Leaseholders' Consultative Forum (TLCF)
Date:	22 July 2008
Subject:	Homelessness Strategy 2008-2013
Responsible Officer:	Corporate Director, Adults and Housing Services - Paul Najsarek
Portfolio Holder:	Portfolio Holder for Adults and Housing - Cllr Barry Macleod-Cullinane
Exempt:	No
Enclosures:	Cabinet Report 17 July 2008 Homelessness Strategy 2008 - 2013 Homelessness Review 2008 (via weblink)

Section 1 – Summary and recommendations

1.1 The attached report to Cabinet sets out the key objectives and priorities of the new Homelessness Strategy for Harrow, to be delivered over the next 5 years. It has been developed following a full review of homelessness services, including extensive consultation with staff, partners and service users. It sets out the way in which the council, and its partners, will develop services to meet the challenges of homelessness demand in Harrow, while at the same time supporting national, regional and local priorities.

1.2 Recommendations:

The Forum is requested to:

- note the contents of the Cabinet report and Homelessness Strategy 2008-2013; and
- make comments, which will be reflected in the final version of the Strategy before formal submission by 31 July 2008.

1.3 Reason: (For recommendation)

All councils are required, under the Homelessness Act 2002, to have a five-year Homelessness Strategy in place, based on a full review of

homelessness and homeless services. Harrow's existing Homelessness Strategy was developed in 2003 so the Council is required to develop a new Homelessness Strategy for submission to CLG by 31 July 2008.

Section 2 – Report

2.1 The attached Cabinet report sets out in Section 2 the background to the Strategy, including priorities included, consultation completed and equalities issues.

2.2 Financial Implications

2.2.1 Financial implications are set out in section 2.7 of the attached report.

2.3 Performance Issues

2.3.1 Performance issues are set out in section 2.8 of the attached report

2.4 Risk Management Implications

2.4.1 Risk management implications are set out in section 2.9 of the attached report.

Section 3 - Statutory Officer Clearance

Name: Donna Edwards	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	on behalf of the* Chief Financial Officer
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Section 4 - Contact Details and Background Papers

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Background Papers:

Cabinet Report 17 July 2008

Homelessness Strategy 2008-2013

Homelessness Review 2008 available from website at www.harrow.gov.uk