**Public Consultation**

Draft Homelessness Strategy 2022-27

Please use this consultation template for submitting your responses and comments.

Alternatively, the online consultation can be downloaded at <https://www.nihe.gov.uk/Working-With-Us/Partners/Consultations> where you can also view the full consultation report and the associated screening documents.

If you are completing an electronic version of this form, it should be emailed to: homelessness.strategy@nihe.gov.uk.

Alternatively, you can return hard copies of the completed form to:

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The Housing Executive welcomes any comments you wish to make on all of the proposals or just on those issues that are of particular interest to you in the consultation.

All responses should be received by 5pm on Tuesday 25th January 2022 to ensure they can be fully considered.

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**Consultation Response**

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| **Your Details** |
| **Is this submission on behalf of an:** | **Organisation** |  | **Individual** |  |
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| **1** | **Do you agree with the vision of ‘Ending Homelessness Together’?** | **YES**  | **NO** |
| Further Comments: |

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| **2** | **Do you agree with the aim of ‘Wherever possible homelessness should be prevented, if homelessness cannot be prevented it should be rare, brief and non-recurring’?** | **YES**  | **NO** |
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| **3** | **Do you agree with the principles that will guide the delivery of the Strategy?** | **YES** | **NO** |
| A | Person Centred |   |  |
| B | Evidence Based  |   |  |
| C | Partnership Working |   |  |
| D | Expert Led |   |  |
| E | Responsive |   |  |
| F | Innovative |   |  |
| G | Delivering Value for Money |   |  |
| Further Comments: |
| **4** | **Do you agree with the focus objective 1 - ‘Prioritise homelessness prevention;?** | **YES**  | **NO** |
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| **5** | **Do you agree with the focus outlined in objective 1 that will guide the Year 1 Action Plan? The draft Strategy outlines that actions identified in each year’s Annual Plan throughout the lifespan of the Strategy will focus on the following:*** **Primary Prevention Activity**
* **Secondary Prevention Activity**
* **Tertiary Prevention Activity**

**These areas are further outlined on page 29 to 31 of the draft Strategy.** | **YES** | **NO** |
| Further Comments: |
| A | **What priority actions do you feel should be considered for objective 1 in the Year 1 Action Plan?**  |
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| **6** | **Do you agree with objective 2 - ‘Address homelessness by providing secure, appropriate accommodation and support;?** | **YES**  | **NO** |
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| **7** | **Do you agree with the focus outlined in objective 2 that will guide the Year 1 Action Plan? The draft Strategy outlines that actions identified in each year’s Annual Plan throughout the lifespan of the Strategy will focus on the following:*** **Understanding the needs of our customers**
* **Improving Access & Inclusion**
* **Flexible and responsive accommodation & support services at the point of need**
* **Implementing ‘Homeless to Home’, Strategic Action Plan for Temporary Accommodation**

**These areas are further outlined on pages 37 to 39 of the draft Strategy.** | **YES** | **NO** |
| Further Comments: |
| A | **What priority actions do you feel should be considered for objective 2 in the Year 1 Action Plan?**  |
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| **8** | **Do you agree with objective 3 - ‘Support customers exiting homelessness into settled accommodation’?** | **YES**  | **NO** |
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| **9** | **Do you agree with the focus outlined in objective 3 that will guide the Year 1 Action Plan? The draft Strategy outlines that actions identified in each year’s Annual Plan throughout the lifespan of the Strategy will focus on the following:*** **Housing Supply**
* **Support**
* **Community Integration**

**These areas are further outlined on pages 47 to 48 of the draft Strategy.** | **YES** | **NO** |
| Further Comments: |
| A | **What priority actions do you feel should be considered for objective 3 in the Year 1 Action Plan?**  |
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| **10** | **Do you agree with the enablers that are outlined in the draft Strategy?** | **YES** | **NO** |
| A | Experiential Evidence |   |  |
| B | Collaboration |   |  |
| C | Legislation |   |  |
| D | Interdepartmental Approach |   |  |
| E | Funding |   |  |
| F | Staff |   |  |
| G | Process |   |  |
| Further Comments: |

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| H | **What would you want to see prioritised in the Year 1 Action plan in terms of enablers?** |
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| **11. Please provide any other comments which should be considered in the development and delivery of the Homelessness Strategy 2022-27** |
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| **12. Please provide comments on how the Homelessness Strategy 2022-27 should be monitored and reported against:** |
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