

Newcastle–under-Lyme Borough Council Homelessness Reduction Act Implementation Plan: Version 1

Description	Proposed actions
<p>Raising Member and Corporate understanding within the Council of the likely impact of the Homelessness Reduction Act 2017 and secure the funding needed to prepare and implement the Act</p> <p>Improve reception and interview facilities provided at NHA</p> <p>Review case management processes and systems – implement a new IT system essential to support Personal Housing Plans and to establish clear pathways and outcomes. NHA and the council to participate in a free pilot named Housing Jigsaw</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The findings of the Diagnostic Peer Review for the Gold Standard report to be submitted to the Cabinet. The main recommendations be supported that link directly to the implementation of the HRA 2. To seek Council Corporate Management and Council Member approval for the recommendations in the HRA report and specifically the recommendations for protecting current and anticipated implementation funding and Government Grant funding as set out in the HRA report.
<p>Working in Partnership to prevent and tackle homelessness arising from the new duties in the Homelessness Reduction Act</p> <p>Obtaining a commitment from all relevant statutory and voluntary sector partners to work in partnership to successfully implement the new model of prevention to meet the requirements of the Homelessness Reduction Act</p> <p>To continue to explore options for the potential increase of use of temporary accommodation</p> <p>Review current pathways and referral protocols with relevant agencies including Discharge from Hospital, Young Person, Leaving Prison and statutory services including Health and Police</p>	<p>Plan how prevention work will be delivered through greater partnership working</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Requests to the Homeless Forum for members to form a sub group and organisations to come forward 2. Aim is that all relevant partners sign up to a new “Homeless Prevention Charter” structured around the partnership aims of the Act <p>To explore alternative and review existing use of temporary accommodation to allow for more suitable and cost effective solutions to be found</p> <p>To ensure that all agencies are aware of their responsibilities toward preventing homelessness and ensure that Good Practice is followed for all client groups</p>

Review best practice - “Trailblazer” authorities, Practitioner Support (CLG), and neighbouring authorities

Review and amend Allocations Policy – “reasonable preference” applicants

Review and amend the current Homelessness Strategy Action Plan

To ensure that we have all round knowledge of current and ongoing developments of the HRA that can support and challenge our approach to the implementation of the HRA

The current allocations policy will need to be reviewed and amended to support the HRA toward supporting applicants who would be prioritised within the “reasonable preference groups”

To review and amend the current 5 year Homelessness Strategy Action plan to incorporate the implementation of the HRA and the ongoing development of the strategic actions