

Appendix C

Consultation responses to request for any further comments relating to the priorities identified.

Response	Comment
Housing should be allocated to people who are actively seeking employment and not another free benefit.	Homeless prevention, homeless duties and allocations policy are guided by legislation and our statutory responsibilities as well as local needs.
Priorities must be set for whom should be the first, second and then third group. Ex MOD personnels must be the first, UK citizens of different levels should be second, foreign, non UK and Asylum must be the third and last.	As above
Specific example provided of a homeless man who will not accept help and concerns for his mental health.	Individuals who require assistance from partner agencies or who do not engage with the service will be referred where and when appropriate.
Better services may need increases in Council Tax, which I would support	
I don't really agree with making housing provision a lower priority, this is a chicken and egg situation surely, you cannot have one without the other.	No reference made in the homeless strategy to making housing provision a lower priority.
Definitely the key is to spot the problems before they become critical. Rough sleepers often have mental illness issues combined with substance and alcohol abuse and minor criminal activity. This largely due to the failure of support networks following the closure of institutions and a lack of adequate community care provision.	Early intervention increases the possibility of a successful outcome. Protocols, pathways and toolkits have been agreed to ensure services work together as effectively as possible where there are multiple issues.
I agree that the strategy should be constructive, and based on helping those who are homeless or at risk of homelessness to find suitable, affordable and stable accommodation, and to remain in it. It should also be aimed at helping people to address wider challenges which may be exacerbating their housing difficulties.	Joint working with other agencies as above, plus referrals for additional support when required. Money advice also being provided to address the wider issues around affordability.
We should be making a stronger link between SCDC's Net Zero Carbon Strategy and the work through CERP – Cambridgeshire Energy Retrofit	Added to Strategy and to be explored further to ensure all support available is being accessed.

<p>Partnership to also deliver outcomes against the Homelessness Strategy.</p>	
<p>There needs to be more work on identifying solutions to these issues - a lot of the review simply says "we must do better". Well so must we all, the question is how, and when? The Strategy needs some tangible programmes, with deliverables. The goal needs to be to end homelessness, at least in its presentation as rough sleeping and over-use of temporary accommodation, with a measured trajectory to achieve and sustain this goal!</p>	<p>Difficult to set a measure trajectory due to the external factors that impact on homelessness. However, the strategy does include certain projects such as the provision of single person accommodation through Shire Homes Lettings and assistance from Ermine Street to provide self-contained units for those who are not suited to shared accommodation. Further contact being made with responder (It takes a City).</p>