

# Homelessness Prevention and Rough Sleeping Strategy 2024-2029

## Introduction

Further to the feedback received from Homes and Communities Scrutiny Committee and CMT earlier in 2024, we have undertaken formal consultation and further engagement and consultation activities with partners, residents, colleagues and peers.

## Consultation activities

The consultation was carried out using a range of publicity and engagement activities to widely disseminate the draft documents. It was co-ordinated with the support of the AD Housing Needs and the Complex Needs and Homelessness Manager. The activities included:

- Presentation to the Homeless Forum
- Workshop with colleagues across departments including Children's, Adult Social Care, Community Safety and Resilience, Public Health
- Further input from the No Recourse to Public Funds team
- Let's Talk online survey tool
- A focus group and co-production session with 14 individuals with lived experience of homelessness conducted by Arts & Homelessness International
- Wide dissemination of the documents by email to the Safeguarding Adults Board and through internal communication channels and externally to Housing Associations operating in Islington and to Islington MPs.

## Updates to the Strategy and Action Plan

Over 40 individuals and organisations have provided their comments and an additional 32 participants have downloaded the documents from the Let's Talk engagement page. The majority of the 16 individuals and organisations who responded to our online survey agreed or partially agreed (provided additional comments) with our 4 Priorities. We are now collating all feedback for consideration by Housing Management Team and to produce final strategy and action plan documents.

Themes and actions that have been developed through our consultation include more emphasis on joint working, the commissioned services that we provide, our provision of young people from Looked After Care and the work that we do to address complex need. and have included detail on the advocacy work that. We have included further detail about our advocacy work, included commitments to continue to proactively assess any disproportionality that arises and provide outreach into groups including BAME to support our prevention approach.

The results of the consultation will be shared with the Homeless Forum and included in all subsequent reports.

## Next Steps

After consideration by HMT, the final documents will be produced, moving through the governance process for final agreement by Executive by the end of 2024.