

Draft Housing and Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategies

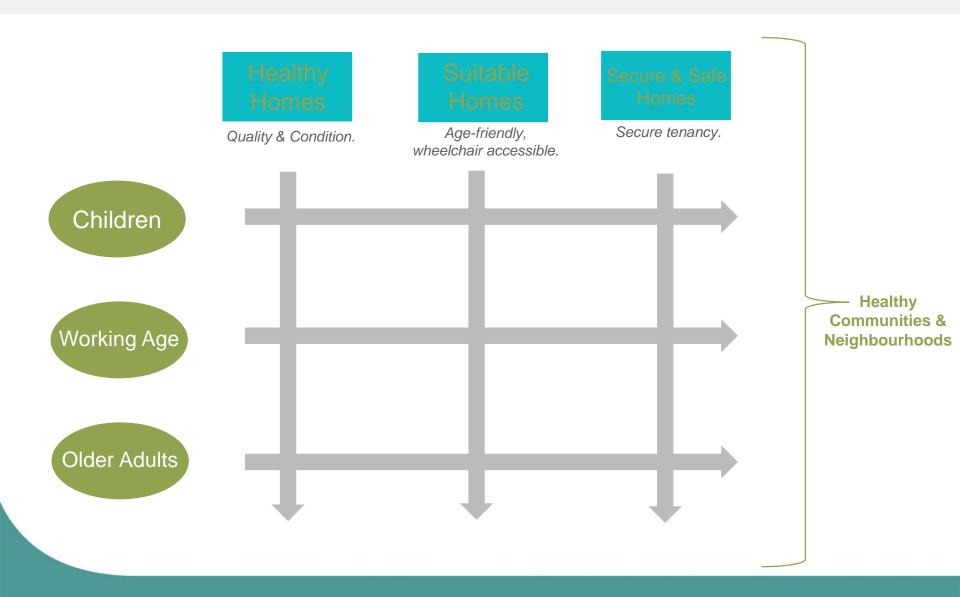
Cllr Rozenberg
Chair, Housing Committee

November 2018

Barnet Context

- ➤ Growing population
- ➤ Rising Costs
- Increasing house prices and private rents
- Limited supply of affordable housing
- >Impact of benefit changes
- ➤ Demand for housing assistance remains high

Housing & Health



Homelessness & Health



The average age of death of men and women who are homeless



People who are homeless are nine times more likely to take their own life



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2.5x more likely to have asthma



TB rates are

34x higher



6X more likely to have heart disease



Hepatitis C rates are

50x higher

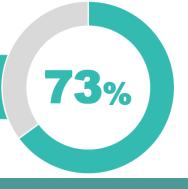
Were admitted to hospital more frequently



Visited A&E seven times as often as the general population



73% of people sleeping rough in London in 2016/17 whose needs were assessed had an alcohol, drug or mental health problem, and many had all three.



Priorities

Delivering more homes that people can afford

Regeneration and growth
Ensuring Quality
Bringing empty homes into use

Promoting Independence

Integrated Extra Care Housing/wheelchair homes

Engage with new funding proposals for short term supported housing Family Friendly Barnet High Demand for Housing **3000** new homes per annum

Raising standards in private rented sector

Landlord accreditation Rogue Landlords Mandatory Licensing extension

More older people with support needs

BARNET' CORPORATE STRATEGY

LOCAL PLAN

HOUSING + REGENERATION STRATEGIES

HOMELESSNESS STRATGY

High rents and house prices

Safe and Secure

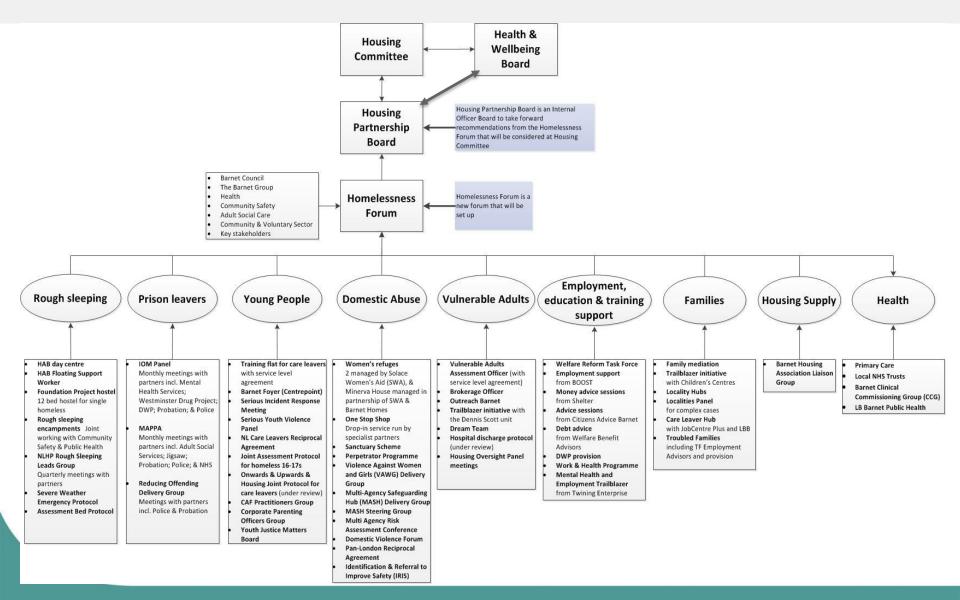
Fire Safety works
Decent Homes
Enforcement
Adaptations

More people living in private rented sector

Preventing homelessness and rough sleeping

Preventing homelessness
Reducing the use of Temporary Accom.
Building effective partnerships
Tackling Rough Sleeping

Strengthening partnership working to prevent homelessness



Request

- 1. HWBB formally respond to the housing and homelessness consultations.
- 2. That the Health and Wellbeing Board note that housing is a factor relevant to the health and wellbeing of people and therefore from time to time the Board will receive reports relating to housing and homelessness.
- 3. All public agencies including health services understand their duty to refer clients at risk or who are homeless.

- I. The Homeless Reduction Act introduces a duty to refer households who are threatened with homelessness to housing options services.
- II. This duty is placed on defined public bodies who include, social care, Job Centre Plus, prisons, youth offending, probation and hospitals.
- III. A dedicated email address

 dutytorefer@barnet.gov.uk will give
 directions to a portal to refer clients
 who are or at risk of homelessness.
- IV. The duty to refer will lead to closer worker relationships and will help early intervention work to prevent homelessness whilst also fostering better understanding of the issues facing partner organisations.

Next Steps and further information

- □ 12 Week formal consultation has commenced from 5 November 2018.
- ☐ Strategies to be approved by the Housing Committee Spring 2019.
- □ A copy of the Housing and Homelessness Strategies and consultation questions can be found on the Engage Barnet website.
- □ Further information: please contact Faisal.butt@barnet.gov.uk / 020 8359 6263