

Associated guidance for this document can be found [here](#). Each section has a link to the relevant section within the guidance document.

## 1 Details of the activity (i.e. the policy, strategy, service, project or function)

<b>1.1 Directorate</b>	Health, Housing & Communities
<b>1.2 Service</b>	Housing Service

<b>1.3 Title of the activity (i.e. the policy, strategy, service, project or function):</b>
Homelessness Action Plan

<b>1.4 Brief description of the activity:</b>
The above Action Plan contains actions to examine and improve all facets of the Housing Options (Homelessness) Service, and to assist to deliver the aims of the Homelessness Reduction and Sleeping Rough Strategy 2023 – 2028.
This include both in-house actions and liaison / actions with various partners.

<b>1.5 If the activity involves working with other directorates, partners or joint commissioning please state who is involved:</b>
Various. Please see Action Plan for details.

<b>1.6 Will all or part of the activity be delivered through a provider external to the Council? If Yes, please refer to the <a href="#">Corporate Procurement</a> Processes</b>
Yes

<b>1.7 If Yes, please explain what element(s) of the activity will be delivered through an external provider:</b>
The outcome actions have the potential to alter / effect existing ways of working. They are unlikely to create new programmes.

<b>1.8 Which areas of the city will be impacted?</b>	
Whole City	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Coalfield	<input type="checkbox"/>
East	<input type="checkbox"/>
North	<input type="checkbox"/>
Washington	<input type="checkbox"/>
West	<input type="checkbox"/>
Internal Council Activity – Impact on employees	<input type="checkbox"/>

<b>1.9 Is the activity targeted at protected characteristics or any other key groups?</b>	
All of the below	<input type="checkbox"/>
Age (e.g. older people, younger people/children, a specific age group)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Disability (e.g. mobility, long term health conditions, sensory impairment or loss, learning disability, neurological diversity or mental health)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Marriage and civil partnership	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pregnancy and maternity (including breastfeeding)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Race	<input type="checkbox"/>
Religion or belief (including no belief)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sex	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gender reassignment	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sexual orientation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Human Rights	<input type="checkbox"/>
Care Experienced People	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other vulnerable groups and people with complex needs (e.g. veterans, children and young people who are cared for or care experienced, carers, domestic abuse victims and survivors, ex-offenders etc.)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
People vulnerable to socio-economic deprivation (e.g. unemployed, low income, living in deprived areas, poor/no accommodation, low skills, low literacy etc.)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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## 2 Data and Intelligence

### [Guidance for this section](#)

#### 2.1 What data and intelligence has informed the activity?

Data from the Housing Options Service regards the numbers of clients presenting as homeless, reasons for homelessness, trends, etc.

Information and views of partners who also engage with the same clients (i.e. those found homeless / vulnerable etc).

#### 2.2 Summary of data / intelligence / consultation outcomes to inform understanding of differences in:

- the way people use, access or experience your activity;
- how the activity may impact; and/or
- outcomes for different groups?

Information provided a base with which to discuss with partners and members. This allowed detailed discussions regards how to improve the service for clients, the Council and clients.

## 3 Equality and Human Rights

### [Guidance for this section](#)

#### 3.1 Eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation

##### What impact will the activity have?

Uncertain

##### Explain how/why:

The activities and actions included in the Action Plan will improve services to all, and further ensure that all people can access the service and be supported into a home as required.

#### 3.2 Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not

##### What impact will the activity have?

Positive

##### Explain how/why:

The activities and actions included in the Action Plan will improve services to all, and further ensure that all people can access the service and be supported into a home as required.

#### 3.3 Foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not

##### What impact will the activity have?

Uncertain

##### Explain how/why:

The Action Plan further enforces the Services will to engage with all clients in the long term, to ensure they remain supported and can sustain a home.

<b>3.4 Age (older ages, children and young people, middle ages, an age range or a specific age)</b>
<b>What impact will the activity have?</b>
Positive
<b>Explain how/why:</b>
The service provides a service to all, irrespective of age. Some Actions are targeted towards young people who need additional support in order to sustain a tenancy in the long term.

<b>3.5 Disability (mobility, long-term health conditions, sensory, learning disability, neurological diversity or mental health)</b>
<b>What impact will the activity have?</b>
Positive
<b>Explain how/why:</b>
The activities and actions included in the Action Plan will improve services to all, and further ensure that all people can access the service and be supported into a home as required.

<b>3.6 Gender reassignment (the process of transitioning from one sex to another)</b>
<b>What impact will the activity have?</b>
Uncertain
<b>Explain how/why:</b>
The activities and actions included in the Action Plan will improve services to all, and further ensure that all people can access the service and be supported into a home as required.

<b>3.7 Marriage and Civil Partnership</b>
<b>What impact will the activity have?</b>
Uncertain
<b>Explain how/why:</b>
The activities and actions included in the Action Plan will improve services to all, and further ensure that all people can access the service and be supported into a home as required.

<b>3.8 Pregnancy and maternity (including breastfeeding)</b>
<b>What impact will the activity have?</b>
Uncertain
<b>Explain how/why:</b>
The activities and actions included in the Action Plan will improve services to all, and further ensure that all people can access the service and be supported into a home as required.

<b>3.9 Race (colour, ethnicity, country of origin, culture, etc.)</b>
<b>What impact will the activity have?</b>
Uncertain
<b>Explain how/why:</b>
The activities and actions included in the Action Plan will improve services to all, and further ensure that all people can access the service and be supported into a home as required.

<b>3.10 Religion / Belief (including no belief)</b>
<b>What impact will the activity have?</b>
Uncertain
<b>Explain how/why:</b>
The activities and actions included in the Action Plan will improve services to all, and further ensure that all people can access the service and be supported into a home as required.

<b>3.11 Sex (male or female)</b>
<b>What impact will the activity have?</b>
Uncertain
<b>Explain how/why:</b>
The activities and actions included in the Action Plan will improve services to all, and further ensure that all people can access the service and be supported into a home as required.

<b>3.12 Sexual orientation</b>
<b>What impact will the activity have?</b>
Uncertain
<b>Explain how/why:</b>
The activities and actions included in the Action Plan will improve services to all, and further ensure that all people can access the service and be supported into a home as required.

<b>3.13 Will the activity impact on an individual's Human Rights as enshrined in UK law?</b>
<b>What impact will the activity have?</b>
Uncertain
<b>Explain how/why:</b>
No impact.

**3.14 Other vulnerable groups and people with complex needs (e.g. veterans, children and young people cared for and care experienced, carers, domestic abuse victims and survivors, ex-offenders, homeless or multiple complexities/characteristics)**

**What impact will the activity have?**

Positive

**Explain how/why:**

The clients supported by the Service are generally vulnerable and have experienced some of the above. The Service ensures that all are supported and are able to sustain a home and are able to lead an enhanced life in Sunderland.

## 4 Reducing socio-economic and digital inequalities

### [Guidance for this section](#)

Will the activity:

<b>4.1 Impact on residents' financial circumstances</b>	Positive
<b>4.2 Impact on housing, including type, range, affordability, quality and/or condition</b>	Positive
<b>4.3 Impact on digital inclusion or access</b>	Positive
<b>4.4 Impact on education, skills and lifelong learning</b>	Positive
<b>4.5 Impact on employment, including quality and access</b>	Positive

**4.6 Outline the impact your activity will have, including how you propose to mitigate any negative impacts and maximise positive outcomes**

The Action Plan will improve the service offer to clients, this will enable them to sustain a home which will allow them to embrace life enhancement.

**4.7 Outline how you will measure the anticipated impact(s)**

Impacts will be measured via data and stats collated regards the service.

## 5 Improving population health and reducing health inequalities

### [Guidance for this section](#)

Will the activity:

<b>5.1 Help promote healthy living</b>	Positive
<b>5.2 Help promote safe and inclusive environments</b>	Positive
<b>5.3 Impact on children, young people and families</b>	Positive
<b>5.4 Impact on natural and built surroundings</b>	Uncertain
<b>5.5 Impact on accessibility and active travel encouraging active behaviours</b>	Uncertain
<b>5.6 Impact on living independently</b>	Positive

**5.7 Outline the impact your activity will have, including how you propose to mitigate any negative impacts and maximise positive outcomes**

There are no perceived negative impacts.

**5.8 Outline how you will measure the anticipated impact(s)**

Impacts will be measured via data and stats collated regards the service.

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## 6 Carbon reduction and sustainability

### [Guidance for this section](#)

Will the activity:

<b>6.1 Adapting our behaviour (environmentally significant)</b>	Not Applicable
<b>6.2 Impact on biodiversity and natural environment</b>	Not Applicable
<b>6.3 Impact on energy efficient built environment</b>	Not Applicable
<b>6.4 Impact on renewable energy generation and storage</b>	Not Applicable
<b>6.5 Impact on travel and active transport</b>	Not Applicable
<b>6.6 Impact on the green economy</b>	Not Applicable
<b>6.7 Impact on waste, recycling and consumption</b>	Not Applicable

<b>6.8 Outline the impact your activity will have, including how you propose to mitigate any negative impacts and maximise positive outcomes</b>
<b>6.9 Outline how you will measure the anticipated impact(s)</b>

## 7 Community wealth building

### [Guidance for this section](#)

Will the activity:

<b>7.1 Impact on community wealth and social value</b>	Positive
<b>7.2 Impact on social inclusion, integration, and fostering good relations</b>	Positive
<b>7.3 Impact on crime reduction, anti-social behaviour and community safety</b>	Uncertain
<b>7.4 Impact on access to services</b>	Positive

<b>7.5 Outline the impact your activity will have, including how you propose to mitigate any negative impacts and maximise positive outcomes</b>
An improved service will help people faster and more efficiently and help support them to sustain a home. This is likely to simulate social inclusion, wealth creation, etc.

**7.6 Outline how you will measure the anticipated impact(s)**

N/A

## 8 Key Actions

Any key actions identified throughout the IIA should be recorded here. This will be the action plan linked to your activity and should be implemented to ensure all inequalities or negative impacts are mitigated.

Key Actions	Timescale	Responsible Officer	Review Date

**Responsible officer sign off:**

Name

Job Title

**Responsible officer for reviewing actions:**

Name

Job Title

Once the Integrated Impact Assessment is complete, please send to [IIA@sunderland.gov.uk](mailto:IIA@sunderland.gov.uk).