



PORTFOLIO HOLDER/LEAD MEMBER UPDATE SUMMARY

PORTFOLIO:¹

Housing and Community Safety

CABINET DATE:²

22 June 2021

KEY ACTIVITIES SINCE
THE LAST REPORT:³

- The main strategic focus has been around developing two strands of our emerging Housing Strategy. The Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy is due at Cabinet on 27 July 2021 after a thorough set of discussions through Overview Committee and Public Consultation. Work to develop an overarching Housing Strategy, setting out a strong and compelling direction for Housing in Dorset, will feature strongly in the coming year.
- The latest round of 'Rough Sleeper Accommodation Programme' funding is about to be made public and I hope to be able to share good news about the coming year's grant.
- The Domestic Abuse Act 2021 came into force on 29th April 2021 and places new statutory duties on the Council. The Council already works closely with partners to tackle issues of domestic abuse but is now legally required to conduct a needs assessment and have a strategy relating to support in domestic abuse safe accommodation, and establish a Partnership Board that can help advise and guide the Council in its new duties. It is proposed that the Community Safety Partnership takes on that role, and this will be discussed at their 23 June meeting.

¹ Enter the portfolio area

² Insert the date of the Cabinet meeting to which this summary update is to be reported

³ Provide brief details of the meetings attended, key activities or project milestones completed since the last report

DELEGATED DECISIONS
MADE:⁴

None

ANTICIPATED
ACTIVITIES/MILESTONES
FOR NEXT PERIOD:⁵

- Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy – Cabinet 27 July 2021
- Discussions to scope and launch the early stages of the Housing Strategy and delivery plan – drawing in other Portfolios to make this fit well across the range of the Council's Plan.

⁴ Enter details of any delegated decisions made since the last meeting

⁵ Provide details of key activities, project milestones or significant meetings anticipated in the next period