

Homelessness Transformational Change Agenda – Glasgow Alliance to End Homelessness – Proposals noted etc.

3 There was submitted a report by the Interim Chief Officer, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) providing information regarding the development of the Glasgow Alliance to End Homelessness, advising

- (1) that as a result of the Homelessness Strategic Review in 2016, priority was given to improving service responses for homeless households and vulnerable individuals, having recognised that there was a need for services to be redesigned with a strong focus on responding to individual need and improving outcomes for this vulnerable population through multi-agency partnerships and co-production across the sector;
- (2) that the Homelessness Service was currently working closely with the Scottish Housing Regulator and the Scottish Government to improve service performance in relation to meeting immediate housing need and support for homeless individuals and families, with this Council and the Glasgow City Integration Joint Board having accepted the need for innovation and constructive collaboration to transform and modernise services;
- (3) that the key aims of ending rough sleeping and significantly reducing and preventing homelessness in the city would be achieved by developing innovative partnerships with people with lived experience, purchased sector providers and key housing and strategic partners working together to improve outcomes for individuals and families, this being a key feature of the first City Administration Homelessness Summit in 2018;
- (4) of the national policy, legal context and financial governance arrangements, as detailed in the report;
- (5) of the application of an Alliance model in relation to the delivery of health and social care services, which was a relatively new development, and that this approach was supported in general by the Scottish Government and Scotland Excel as a more inclusive and collaborative way in which to commission services utilising the skills, knowledge, experience and expertise of a wide range of partners to find innovative solutions to meet diverse needs;
- (6) in establishing the Alliance, a bespoke staged procurement approach was designed and delivered under the “Light Touch Regime” provisions of the Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015 and that this approach had enabled the Council to tailor the tender process to best meet the needs of people at risk of or experiencing homelessness; and
- (7) that the Alliance Agreement would be subject to the Council’s contract management and monitoring arrangements, in particular, the Alliance Leadership Team would prepare an annual report to enable the Council to ascertain the extent to which the key performance indicators and the objectives of the Glasgow Alliance were being achieved.

After consideration, the committee noted the report and that a report would be submitted to the Contracts and Property Committee on 6th February 2020 requesting that committee to approve the commissioning of a Multi-Party Alliance Agreement to establish the Glasgow Alliance to End Homelessness.