

# **Social Justice and Regeneration Committee**

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**Date: 15<sup>th</sup> February 2007**

**Venue: Government Offices, Rhydycar, Merthyr Tydfil**

**Title: Progress on the National Homelessness Strategy**

## **Purpose**

To receive a report for consideration in respect of progress on implementation of the National Homelessness Strategy.

## **Summary/Recommendation**

The Committee is invited to consider the report in annex 1 on progress made on implementation of the National Homelessness Strategy, including its context and how the Strategy objectives may be taken forward. This report includes appendix 1, which provides a brief update on our actions within the Strategy action plan. A statistical report is contained in appendix 2.

## **Background**

At the meeting on the 16th November 2005 the Committee endorsed the revised National Homelessness Strategy 2006-8, prior to its publication on 30th November 2005. The Strategy contains a commitment to report to this Committee at least annually on the progress. I provided you with a summary of progress in my report to you at the meeting on 15th July last year. This paper sets out a fuller assessment of the progress we have made, including an appendix with action taken against the commitments in our action plan. This contains advice on the how I intend that the Strategy should be taken forward to achieve its objectives.

## **Consideration**

The Strategy contains a commitment for a full review by April 2008.

## **Financial Implications**

There are no financial implications arising from this paper.

## **Cross Cutting Themes**

Tackling homelessness is a cross-cutting agenda which links closely to the wider social justice

objectives. This is reflected in the National Homelessness Strategy and its commitments on tackling homelessness across a range of policy areas. It has demonstrable implications for reducing health inequalities, improving educational opportunities, protecting vulnerable people from risk, and assisting homeless people into sustainable housing and communities. We will take account of the Committee's work on youth homelessness in reviewing the Strategy and the need for further action, after further consideration of the Committee's report.

### **Action for Committee**

The Committee is invited to consider the advice in this paper.

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