

Strategic Priorities					
					
Prevent homelessness in Trafford.	Improve access to permanent affordable accommodation and supported homes, primarily through the increased supply of social housing	Aim to eradicate the use of B&B and increase the provision of good quality temporary accommodation for homeless people in Trafford.	Work towards ending rough sleeping in Trafford.	Improve access to employment, education and training for homeless people in Trafford.	Improve health & wellbeing for homeless people in Trafford.
What are we going to do?					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Continue to Prevent Homelessness as a priority. ✓ Explore the introduction of an in-house mediation service, part of HOST, that would reduce homelessness where parents, relatives or friends are no long willing or able to accommodate. ✓ Explore the options to introduce a Private Landlords Incentive Scheme which will increase tenancy length and security for tenants in the private sector. ✓ Explore setting up a Sanctuary Scheme to enable victims of domestic abuse the opportunity to stay in their home with safe and secure measures thus reducing homelessness. ✓ Maintain the Trafford Domestic Abuse Forum. ✓ Work in partnership with the Police and Community Safety Team to tackle homelessness due to domestic abuse. ✓ Continue to offer Floating Support to assist with the prevention of homelessness. ✓ Establish links and work in partnership with drug and alcohol services, health services, domestic abuse services and the VCSE sector to prevent homelessness. ✓ Explore options to provide financial and budgeting training for existing tenants to prevent homelessness. ✓ Ensure additional support with Universal Credit and related benefits is available so people are aware of the benefits available, how they can apply and also how to appeal. ✓ Establish links with the Youth Service to support Trafford's young people and educate regarding the risks of homelessness. ✓ Continue to work in partnership with the After Care Team to provide a pathway for those homeless Care Leavers. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Increase the supply of affordable housing including social rent across Trafford. ✓ Continue to utilise the Homes England grants and work in partnership with our Registered Providers to ensure that the supply of affordable housing across Trafford increases. ✓ Continue to promote the Trafford Affordable Housing Fund. ✓ Work with Registered Providers and developers to support the ambition to increase private rented accommodation and actively promote Build for Rent, supported through the Homes England Homebuilding Fund. ✓ Encourage Registered Providers to offer a high quality management agent (landlord) service to private landlords ✓ Address the stock condition in the Private Sector using the results of the Private Sector Stock Condition Survey. ✓ Increase the provision of good quality Private Rented Sector accommodation across Trafford. ✓ Continue to operate the Bond scheme for tenants looking to access the private rented sector. ✓ Develop a Supported Housing Strategy to determine current and future supported housing requirements in Trafford. ✓ Increase the provision of specific supported housing schemes to meet the needs of Trafford residents. ✓ Develop an Empty Property Strategy for Trafford. ✓ Explore options to back empty properties into use as affordable accommodation using available powers. ✓ Continue to operate and promote the Empty Property Match Maker Scheme. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Aim to eradicate the use of Bed & Breakfast for emergency accommodation in Trafford by increasing the provision of temporary accommodation. ✓ Continue to allocate families with children self-contained temporary accommodation as a priority rather than B&B. ✓ Increase the provision of temporary accommodation. ✓ Work in partnership with RPs and private landlords to increase the provision of temporary accommodation. ✓ Explore options to bring back empty properties for use as temporary accommodation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ End the need for rough sleeping in Trafford by 2020 in line with the Greater Manchester commitment. ✓ Ensure there are effective outreach services in Trafford to play a critical role in identifying needs of a rough sleeper at an early stage. ✓ Ensure those rough sleepers with complex needs and chaotic lifestyles have access to the appropriate support. ✓ Ensure Trafford utilise the Social Impact Board (SIB) and Housing First initiatives introduced at a Greater Manchester level. ✓ Explore new ways to create additional spaces to meet short term peaks in demand of rough sleepers. ✓ Explore ways for people to donate in ways that do not inadvertently support and encourage street begging. ✓ Explore the opportunity to establish a 'pay forward scheme' with a local café or restaurant as an alternative to giving rough sleepers/beggars on the street. ✓ Explore the opportunity to establish a card service for rough sleepers to access money donated. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Continue to ensure that homeless people or those not living in-secure tenancies are a priority group for the Trafford Pledge. ✓ Continue to refer people to GM employment projects such as Working Well, Skills for Employment and Motiv8 who provide intensive one to one support working with individuals to overcoming their barriers and provide help to raise confidence, upskill and increase employability. ✓ Improve links with Trafford College to enable homeless people to access courses. ✓ Explore options to provide training courses to homeless people on budgeting, cooking, nutrition and CV writing. ✓ Explore options to provide driving lessons and specific job related courses. ✓ Explore options for a facility for homeless people where they can prepare for job interviews. ✓ Publicise the grants available for homeless people to access college courses. ✓ Ensure HOST and Job Centre staff are aware of the opportunities available for homeless people in terms of education ✓ Work with construction employers to ensure there are apprenticeships and careers structures in place. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Work with partners to address the health of homeless people across Trafford ✓ Improve access to mental health services for homeless people in Trafford. ✓ Explore specialist support services that can help those in need and reduce homelessness for those people with a disclosed mental health issue. ✓ Develop a Mental Health Strategy for Trafford. ✓ Ensure that Trafford is part of the discussions regarding mental health at the GM level as part of the homelessness charter. ✓ Improve access to substance misuse services for homeless people in Trafford. ✓ Explore the opportunity to provide mindfulness and wellbeing courses for homeless people. ✓ Continue to operate the GM Hospital Discharge protocol to ensure adequate notice is given regarding discharge to prevent homelessness and enable officers to find suitable accommodation. ✓ Utilise the legal duties to ensure health, social care and related services (including housing) integrate to reduce health inequalities in Trafford. ✓ Explore the opportunity of dedicated medical centre for homeless people ✓ Improve access to health and GP services for homeless people. ✓ Explore options to introduce a mobile health/therapy clinic that can take services directly to where it is needed.