

Minutes

'No Nights Sleeping Rough' taskforce, 6 October 2016, City Hall

Attendees

Mark Baigent	LB Tower Hamlets	James Murray (chair)	GLA
Barbara Brownlee	Westminster City Council	Dee O'Connell	DCLG
Paul Davis	LB Lambeth	Tom Preest	LB Camden
David Eastwood	GLA	Jonathan Qureshi	GLA
Deborah Halling (notes)	GLA	Jon Sparkes	Crisis
Rick Henderson	Homeless Link	Jeremy Swain	Thames Reach
Debra Levison	GLA	Dominic Williamson	St Mungo's

Apologies

Howard Sinclair	St Mungo's	Chris Pelham	City of London Corporation
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1	Welcome	
	JM explained that the creation of this group has been a priority for the Mayor. JM envisages that the taskforce will feature a small core group that meets bi-annually, but with a wider group of associates and frequent contact between meetings to drive work forwards.	
2	Background, terms of reference and future work	
	<p>The group reviewed draft terms of reference for the taskforce. The GLA will revise these in view of the group's comments and circulate revised version to the group, to be formally agreed.</p> <p>The group identified the following initial issues for the taskforce's future consideration and agreed to set up sub groups, where appropriate, to take this work forward following this meeting:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 data (sub group) – to understanding the data on rough sleeping more effectively and provide reports to the taskforce. This will help underpin a comprehensive approach to rough sleeping interventions. Two specific areas the group agreed to investigate were intermittent rough sleepers and individuals' circumstances immediately before sleeping rough. PD agreed to share LB Lambeth's research on circumstances before sleeping rough. 2 hostels (sub group) – to look at the effectiveness of hostels and whether this provision could be used more efficiently across London. This workstream may also cover provision for a growing cohort of older rough sleepers, whose needs are not well met by mainstream sheltered accommodation. 3 mental health (sub group) – to look at more effective interventions around mental health. The group will identify key issues and asks to consider further. It was agreed that the GLA, DCLG and St Mungo's will work with other partners to identify key issues and asks. 4 No First Night Out – to review of the effectiveness the pilot with a view to informing future interventions. 5 supported housing - to develop a response from the taskforce to the supported housing consultation. This will consider issues around Universal Credit, what accommodation is treated in this way, support for move on accommodation, and how to ensure local authorities retain capacity to commission hostels that meet local needs. Homeless Link, Crisis, St Mungo's and TP will produce an initial draft. 	<p>GLA All</p> <p>GLA LB Lambeth</p> <p>GLA HL</p> <p>GLA St M's DCLG</p> <p>LB Tower Hamlets</p> <p>GLA HL St M's Crisis LB Camden</p>

	<p>The group agreed that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the GLA will coordinate a programme of work drawing on these suggestions all taskforce members should be part of at least one workstream, but the GLA will also invite wider associate members and other key individuals and organisations at its next meeting, the taskforce will review the latest outcomes of these workstreams as appropriate. 	<p>GLA GLA</p>
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<p>3</p>	<p>Options for pan-London services for DCLG’s prevention and early intervention fund</p>	
	<p>DO’C confirmed that DCLG hopes to issue a prospectus for the £10m of funding for prevention of and early intervention in rough sleeping that was announced in the budget soon, and that funding will be available to local authorities. She suggested that some of the proposals submitted for the group’s consideration may be better suited to a further £10m available for supporting entrenched rough sleepers, via SIBs, or other DCLG funding – e.g., for women with complex needs who have experienced domestic violence. The group reviewed proposals.</p> <p>It welcomed the HOPE and NFNO proposals.</p> <p>It supported the non-UK nationals proposal, observing that closer coordination could help ensure that single service offers are being made and that those who are vulnerable are referred to Routes Home.</p> <p>DO’C will keep the group updated on other resources that might also benefit this work.</p> <p>It was agreed that the proposal for additional outreach capacity on public transport should be taken forward subject to establishing further information about those sleeping rough on public transport.</p> <p>The group agreed that proposals relating to female rough sleepers and mental health align more closely with the objectives of DCLG funding for SIBs and should therefore be taken into account in the development of proposals for a new London SIB.</p> <p>The group agreed the proposal on cross-borough accommodation solutions may not fit either funding stream, but that there is scope to better understand who’s using hostels, how long they stay and whether people who need this accommodation are unable to access it. PD to circulate details of the existing reciprocal agreement. All to identify issues relating to hostels and relay these to DE, so GLA can assess scope for the taskforce pursuing work on this issue. PD, Westminster and JSw would contribute.</p> <p>GLA to coordinate communication to ensure proposals are complementary and informed by relevant CHAIN data.</p>	<p>DCLG</p> <p>GLA</p> <p>DCLG GLA</p> <p>LB Lambeth All</p> <p>GLA</p>
<p>4</p>	<p>Any other business</p>	
	<p>NSNO will be recommissioned from 1 April 2017, with a two year initial contract, while a permanent home for NSNO is secured. The tender will be published imminently.</p> <p>The group will be invited to an event on 17 November 2016 marking 25 years of Clearing House. All to suggest invitees to JQ.</p>	<p>All</p>