

## **Report of the Monitoring Officer**

### **Bylaws Homeless People and Begging and Traffic Regulation Orders Preventing Motor Homes Parking in Residential Areas**

1. On 23 November 2016 the Mayor took the following decision in respect of the above:

That the Assistant Director of Community and Customer Services be requested to commission a consultation exercise with the public, partners and the voluntary sector to assess opinion with regards to what further action the Council (and partners where appropriate) should take in response to the issues of:

- introducing bylaws or Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPOs) to address the problem of rough sleeping on the seafront and town centres;
- providing support to, and safeguarding, individuals with a genuine rough sleeping / street homelessness need; and
- the use of motor homes as permanent accommodation in residential areas/public highways.

2. This decision was called in and considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Board on 14 December 2016 who resolved:

that, having listened to the advice of the Monitoring Officer and the Chief Financial Officer, the Board is of the view that the Mayor's decision is contrary to the Policy Framework as it does believe that it makes best effect of the Council's reducing resources and therefore the matter is referred to the Council.

3. On 17 January 2017 the Mayor rescinded his decision taken on 23 November as the Council had received £400,000 funding from the Government to support rough sleepers over the next two years which had provided the opportunity for the Mayor to rethink his direction of travel on this matter.
4. It has since become apparent that the no action should have been taken in respect of the Mayor's original decision until the Council had taken a decision on whether or not the original decision was contrary to the Council's Policy Framework.
5. In accordance with Standing Order D10.4 a report will be presented to the Council meeting on 2 February 2017 setting out the views of the Overview and Scrutiny Board, advice of the Monitoring Officer and Chief Financial Officer and the Mayor's response in respect of this issue.