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No Local Connection Review Group

Date: **Tuesday 4 September 2018**

Time: **5.00 pm**

Place: **Freemans' Room - Oxford Town Hall**

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Membership

Chair Councillor Nadine Bely-Summers

Councillor Shaista Aziz

Councillor Paul Harris

Councillor Richard Howlett

Councillor Tom Landell Mills

Councillor Craig Simmons

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AGENDA

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1 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Welcome from the Chair and brief round table introductions.

2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive any apologies for absence.

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To consider any declarations of interest.

4 EXTERNAL CONTRIBUTIONS

As background information, the meeting has been provided with:

- A research report from the Scrutiny Officer. Only members of the Review Group will have access to appendix 1, as this contains information that is exempt from publication under paragraphs 2 and 3 of Part 1, Section 12A, of the Local Government Act 1972.
- Appendix 2 – A report from 19 July review group meeting summarising the current policy context.
- Appendix 3 – An extract of the Crisis analysis of cost savings associated with Housing First initiatives in Liverpool (as referenced at the previous meeting).

Guests will be invited to make any opening statements if they wish. The meeting will then move to questions and open discussion. As of 23 August, confirmed guests include:

- Sue Jackson - Oxford Street Population Outreach Manager
- Elizabeth Edwards – The Big Issue and Homes4All Oxfordshire
- Paul Roberts – Aspire Oxfordshire
- Janine Bailey – Gimme5
- Jeannette Filja - Gimme5

Key questions and themes may include:

- a) What are the roles of the Outreach Team, Aspire and Gimme5?
- b) How much discretion are outreach workers allowed to support those without a local connection? Does the policy offer flexibility?
- c) What proportion of the people you support do not have a local connection?
- d) What would be the impact of opening larger parts of the pathway/creating new accommodation provision for those without local connection?
- e) Are there opportunities to save money whilst expanding services?
- f) What are the best and worst examples from elsewhere of service provision for those without a local connection?
- g) What are the barriers to reconnecting people with an area where they

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- have a local connection?
- h) The Council currently makes exemptions to the local connection policy for: care leavers, those at risk of violence, those protected under a military covenant, those with no connection to any other area, and those with a clear connection to the County. Are there any other groups that you think should be added to the exemptions list?
 - i) How effective and accurate do you think central government guidance is on counting and collecting data on rough sleepers?
 - j) What are the 'small' ways the current system for people experiencing homelessness could adapt to make things better?
 - k) Are there examples where rough sleepers have been let down by the system?

5 DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

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To agree the draft minutes of the previous meeting held on 21 August 2018, and any revisions needed.

6 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

To note the Review Group's next meeting dates, commencing at 5pm:

- 17 September (TBC)
- 2 October 2018 (forming draft conclusions and recommendations)

7 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

To consider any other business.

8 REPORTS CONTAINING CONFIDENTIAL OR EXEMPT INFORMATION

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