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Councillor Lynda Thorne
Via email



Dear Lynda,

2017/18 QUARTER 1 PERFORMANCE

Thank you for attending the Community & Adult Services Scrutiny Committee on the 6 September 2017.

At the “Way Forward”, Members considered the issues raised during the deliberation of Q1 Performance for your Portfolio and were pleased with progress to date. There was one issue that Members wanted me to feed back on, and this was in relation to Rough Sleepers.

The Committee was interested to hear about the challenges the Council and its partners continue to face regarding rough sleepers in Cardiff. Whilst Members were reassured about the services offered to rough sleepers, they were concerned with the increasing numbers of rough sleepers in Cardiff. The Committee, in its consideration of its work programme for 2017/18, agreed that it would wish to consider the further development and implementation of the Rough Sleepers Strategy early in 2018. At this juncture, Members would like to receive information on the rights to housing for rough sleepers; what other services are available to rough sleepers to ensure that they get “on track” and an improved outcome in life; and also the impact of the proposed promotion on deterring the public from providing money to those begging.

We have provisionally scheduled the Rough Sleepers Strategy to be considered in either January or March of 2018, and will confirm the date following our next Committee meeting on the 4th October 2017.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mary McGarry', with a long, sweeping underline.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR MARY MCGARRY
Chairperson - Community & Adult Services Scrutiny Committee

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