

Tell us what you think



1. Do you think the idea is a good one?

Yes

No

Not sure



Homelessness and rough sleeping strategy 2025 - 2030



Have your say on our homelessness and rough sleeping strategy



An easy read guide and questionnaire

Draft homelessness and rough sleeping strategy



Under the Homelessness Act (2002), all councils must have a plan to try and fight homelessness. This needs to be reviewed every 5 years and the current one ends this year.



This guide talks about how the council is going to improve homelessness and rough sleeping by 2030.



The council have put forward 3 main ideas to improve homelessness in the city:



1. Prevent homelessness in the first place



2. Make temporary accommodation better



3. Make sure that vulnerable people get the support they need



The council want to do their best to try and reduce homelessness in the city and will make 3 promises to:



1. Be fair and inclusive



2. The council will work with the government, lots of different organisations and people who are or have been homeless



3. The council will need to be careful with their money to make services better



To help them with this, the council would like you to answer some questions about homelessness in the city.



You have until Sunday 26 October 2025 to complete the questionnaire.



Please post your answers to:

HRSS Consultation
Housing Leadership Support Team
Brighton & Hove City Council Housing Centre
Unit 1, Fairway Trading Estate
Brighton BN2 4QL



If you have any questions, please send an email to: hrss@brighton-hove.gov.uk



Or you can call 01273 290555 and leave a message.

Preventing homelessness and rough sleeping



The council will work hard to try and make sure they can prevent people from becoming homeless.



There are many reasons why people can become homeless, including money problems or family breakdown.



By preventing people from becoming homeless, they hope that less people will have to live in temporary accommodation.

Question 1: Do you think the council should make preventing homelessness a priority?



Please circle which picture describes your answer.



Strongly agree



Agree



Not sure



Disagree



Strongly disagree



To try and stop people becoming homeless, the council are going to focus on 3 ideas.

Do you agree or disagree on these ideas? Please circle after each one



1. Find the people who might become homeless and try and stop it happening



Strongly agree



Agree



Not sure



Disagree



Strongly disagree



2. Help people to stay in their home or find a new one



Strongly agree



Agree



Not sure



Disagree



Strongly disagree



3. Find and try and stop people from rough sleeping



Strongly agree



Agree



Not sure



Disagree



Strongly disagree

Is there anything else you think that the council should think about when trying to stop people becoming homeless?



Please write below

A large, empty white rectangular box for writing answers.

Making temporary accommodation better



If the council can not stop someone from becoming homeless, then they find them temporary accommodation.



This includes places like bed and breakfasts, hostels, private rented houses or council houses.



Sometimes people stay in temporary accommodation for too long because the council can not find them somewhere to live that meets their needs.



Staying in temporary accommodation for too long can be really stressful and sometimes not feel very safe.



Temporary accommodation can also bad for the wellbeing of children and young people.

Do you agree that the council should try and make temporary accommodation better?



Please circle which picture describes your answer.



Strongly agree



Agree



Not sure



Disagree



Strongly disagree



To try and make temporary accommodation better, the council are going to focus on 3 ideas.

Do you agree or disagree on these ideas? Please circle after each one



1. Make it easier for people to move out of temporary accommodation and into a new home



Strongly agree



Agree



Not sure



Disagree



Strongly disagree



2. Support people living in temporary accommodation



Strongly agree



Agree



Not sure



Disagree



Strongly disagree



3. Make more temporary accommodation that meets people's needs and make it better



Strongly agree



Agree



Not sure



Disagree



Strongly disagree

Is there anything else you think that the council should think about when trying to make temporary accommodation better?



Please write below

A large, empty white rectangular area intended for writing responses to the question above.

Better support for vulnerable people by working with lots of different organisations



There is a lot of people who are at risk of becoming homeless that are very vulnerable.



This includes people who have escaped domestic violence, vulnerable children and families, refugees and asylum seekers.



The council want to make sure that everyone has fair access to support and services.



To do this, the council will work with other organisations so they can work together to help people.

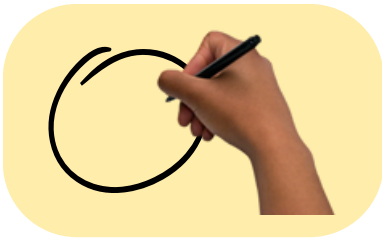


Sometimes people may have '**multiple compound needs**' and the council will make sure that these people get the help they need.



Multiple compound needs is when someone has 3 or more needs. They might be homeless, have a problem with drugs or alcohol, mental health problems or be a domestic abuse survivor.

Question 3: Do you think the council should focus on working with lots of different organisations to try and help vulnerable people?



Please circle which picture describes your answer.



Strongly agree



Agree



Not sure



Disagree



Strongly disagree



To try and help vulnerable people, the council have come up with 3 ideas.

Do you agree or disagree on these ideas? Please circle after each one



1. Make sure that the most vulnerable people get support that meets their needs



Strongly agree



Agree



Not sure



Disagree



Strongly disagree



2. Make sure that organisations are working together to help people with multiple compound needs (3 or more needs)



Strongly agree



Agree



Not sure



Disagree



Strongly disagree



3. Help people who are rough sleeping to get support and find somewhere to live



Strongly agree



Agree



Not sure



Disagree



Strongly disagree

Is there anything else you think that the council should think about when trying help vulnerable people?



Please write below

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Trying to stop children, families and young people from becoming homeless



The council want to make sure there is a part of their plan that talks about making sure less children, families and young people become homeless.



There are a lot of children and young people that are homeless and are living in temporary accommodation.

Do you think that the council should include a part in their plan that talks about making sure less children, families and young people become homeless?



Please circle which picture describes your answer.



Strongly agree



Agree



Not sure



Disagree



Strongly disagree



The council have come up with a few ideas to make sure less children, families and young people become homeless.

Do you agree or disagree on these ideas? Please circle after each one



Try and find the children, families and young people before they become homeless so they can try and stop it.



Strongly agree



Agree



Not sure



Disagree



Strongly disagree



Work with other organisations to try and stop children, families and young people from becoming homeless.



Strongly agree



Agree



Not sure



Disagree



Strongly disagree



Try and stop young people from rough sleeping



Strongly agree



Agree



Not sure



Disagree



Strongly disagree



Make sure that children and families keep their friends, schools, doctors and communities.



Strongly agree



Agree



Not sure



Disagree



Strongly disagree



Make temporary accommodation better for families.



Strongly agree



Agree



Not sure



Disagree



Strongly disagree



Try and make sure less people are moved out of Brighton if they become homeless. If they are, help them to make friends and find the support they need.



Strongly agree



Agree



Not sure



Disagree



Strongly disagree



Make sure that vulnerable young people get the support they need if they become homeless.



Strongly agree



Agree



Not sure



Disagree



Strongly disagree



Make sure that children and young people are safe.



Strongly agree



Agree



Not sure



Disagree



Strongly disagree



Try and make sure that young people who have lived in care get help to stay in their homes.



Strongly agree



Agree



Not sure



Disagree



Strongly disagree



Make more support available for vulnerable children and young people.



Strongly agree



Agree



Not sure



Disagree



Strongly disagree

Is there anything else you think that the council should think about when trying to stop children, families and young people from becoming homeless?



Please write below

Blank area for writing responses.

Being fair and inclusive



The council want to make sure their services are fair, inclusive and accessible for everyone.



We also need to stop people from feeling bad things about people who are homeless. The council want to make sure all different kinds of people feel welcomed and included.



To be fair and inclusive, the council are going to focus on 3 ideas.

Do you agree or disagree on these ideas? Please circle after each one



1. Learn from what people have to say and the trauma they may experience to make services better or make new services



Strongly agree



Agree



Not sure



Disagree



Strongly disagree



2. Stand up for equality, diversity and inclusion



Strongly agree



Agree



Not sure



Disagree



Strongly disagree



3. Try and stop people from feeling badly about people who are homeless and focus on helping people make friends and find a community



Strongly agree



Agree



Not sure



Disagree



Strongly disagree

Is there anything else you think that the council should think about when trying to be fair and inclusive?



Please write below

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Working together



The council knows that it cannot do all of their ideas without help.



The council are going to try and make sure they work with lots of different organisations and people who are homeless to try and make their ideas happen.



To work together with lots of different people and organisations, the council are going to focus on 3 ideas.

Do you agree or disagree on these ideas? Please circle after each one



1. Work with people who are homeless to make services and policies



Strongly agree



Agree



Not sure



Disagree



Strongly disagree



2. Work with local organisations and the government to find and try and stop people from becoming homeless



Strongly agree



Agree



Not sure



Disagree



Strongly disagree



3. Work with communities and charities to find people with good skills and knowledge to try and help make their ideas happen



Strongly agree



Agree



Not sure



Disagree



Strongly disagree

Is there anything else you think that the council should think about when trying to work together with other people?



Please write below

Blank area for writing responses.

Making the best use of resources



To try and make their ideas happen, the council want to make the best use of their '**resources**'.



Resources are things like money, the staff that work for them and other things like buildings that the council own.



To make the best use of their resources, the council are going to focus on 3 ideas.

Do you agree or disagree on these ideas? Please circle after each one



1. Make sure that council staff have good knowledge and skills to do their very best



Strongly agree



Agree



Not sure



Disagree



Strongly disagree



2. Use their money wisely



Strongly agree



Agree



Not sure



Disagree



Strongly disagree



3. Learn from how their ideas go and make changes if needed to make services better



Strongly agree



Agree



Not sure



Disagree



Strongly disagree

Is there anything else you think that the council should think about when trying to work together with other people?



Please write below

A large white rectangular area for writing answers.

About you



Please tell us a bit about you so we know we are working with all types of people.



The council will keep your information safe.



You do not have to answer these questions if you do not want to.



Please write your answers in the white box:



What type of housing do you live in?

This could be private housing, council house, temporary or emergency housing or a care home.



Have you been homeless before or have you been close to being made homeless?



How old are you?



What is your gender?

This could be female, male, non-binary, prefer not to say or anything else



Is your gender the same as it was when you were born, or has it changed?

Which ethnic group do you or your family come from?

Please tick which ones apply to you, or write in the box:



Arab or Arab British Mixed: Asian and White

Bangladeshi Mixed: Asian and Black



Indian Mixed: Other

Pakistani White: British / English
Northern Irish / Scottish
Welsh

Chinese



Asian: Other White: Irish

African White: Gypsy or Irish
Traveller

Caribbean White: Other



Black: Other Prefer not to say

Any other ethnic group:

Which people are you attracted to? (Your sexual orientation)

Please circle your answer, or write in the box:



Men



Women



Both



None



Prefer not say

Any other sexuality:



What is your religion?

Please tick which ones apply to you, or write in the box below:

I do not have a religion

Buddhist

Pagan

Christian

Sikh

Hindu

Agnostic

Jain

Atheist

Jewish

Prefer not say

Muslim

Any other religion:



Do you have any of the following health problems or disabilities?

- Please tick all of the ones that apply to you:
- Physical disability
 - Hearing or seeing difficulty (deaf or blind)
 - Learning disability
 - Long term illness
 - Mental health problem
 - Autism
 - Prefer not to say



Do you have any other health problems or disabilities?



Are you a carer?

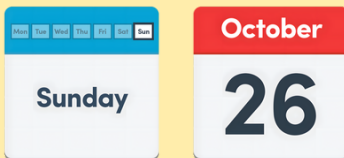
Do you look after any of your friends or family members that are not well?



Have you ever been looked after by the local authority? This could be when you were a child, you were placed in foster care.



Have you ever served in the Army?



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