

East Herts Council Report

Council

Date Of Meeting: Wednesday, 22 July 2026

Report By: Councillor Ben Crystall, Leader of the Council

Report Title: Executive Report – 14 July 2026

Ward(S) Affected: All

Summary

- This report details the recommendations to Council made by the Executive at its meeting on 14 July 2026.

1.0 Item considered and recommended to Council

1.1 The Executive met on 14 July 2026. At this meeting the Executive considered and supported recommendations for Council on the following items:

- 1.1.1 Annual Report for 2025/26 and refresh of LEAF Priorities
- 1.1.2 The Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Review and Strategy 2026-2031

2.0 Annual Report for 2025/26 and refresh of LEAF Priorities

2.1 The Executive were asked to review progress against last year's LEAF priorities and recommended changes to the 2026/27 priorities to Council for adoption.

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL:

- a) **That Council review performance over the 2025/26 year.**
- b) **That Council adopt the refreshed LEAF priorities for 2026/27 and beyond (see sections 2.8 – 2.11).**

3.0 The Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Review and Strategy 2026-2031

- 3.1 Under the Homelessness Act 2002 all local authorities are required to carry out a homelessness review and to develop and publish a strategy based on the review every five years. East Herts published its first Homelessness Strategy in July 2003. This is the fifth Strategy and is due to run from 2026 to March 2031.
- 3.2 The Executive considered the draft Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Review and Strategy 2026-31 and recommended its approval.

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL:

A) That the draft Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Review and Strategy 2026-2031, as detailed in Appendix A be approved.

5.0 Background papers, appendices and other relevant material

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