

# Subject: Mayor's Response to *5 Steps to Build on 'Everyone In' in London* Report

<b>Report to:</b>	<b>Housing Committee</b>
<b>Report of:</b>	<b>Executive Director of Secretariat</b>
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<b>Public Access:</b>	<b>This report will be considered in public</b>

## 1. Summary

- 1.1 The Committee is asked to note the response from the Mayor to its recommendations.

## 2. Recommendation

- 2.1 **That the Committee notes the response from the Mayor of London to the Housing Committee's *5 Steps to Build on 'Everyone In' in London* report, attached at Appendix 1.**

## 3. Background

- 3.1 On 10 November 2020, the Housing Committee held an investigation into COVID-19, Rough Sleeping and Homelessness in London.
- 3.2 Following that meeting, the Committee produced a report entitled *5 Steps to Build on 'Everyone In' in London* and sent the report to the Mayor of London. The report made a number of recommendations, as follows:
- London should not lose what it has gained from successful multi-agency working during the pandemic. Learnings from *Everyone In* on cross-sector health, housing, and homelessness collaboration should inform relevant Mayoral strategies, such as the next iteration of the Health Inequalities Strategy, and the new budget missions that are part of the Mayor's recovery plan;
  - The incoming Mayor should advocate for long-term ring-fenced funding for support services, as part of next year's Comprehensive Spending Review;

- In order to improve services for people with high support needs, the Mayor should ensure that people with lived experience of homelessness and rough sleeping shape the design and delivery of programmes in London;
- The Mayor should urgently expand specialist, pan-London services for groups such as young people, BAME people, veterans, LGBT+ people, and people escaping domestic abuse;
- The Mayor should consider how Equality, Diversity and Inclusion requirements could be developed to better support homeless people of different backgrounds, and extended to providers that deliver rough sleeping services in London;
- The Mayor has committed to investing in immigration advice so that Londoners can secure their full residency and citizenship rights. The Mayor should evaluate the likely increase in EEA rough sleepers in London after the Brexit transition period, and ensure that immigration advice is open to both EEA nationals and those with NRPF. The Mayor should provide investment to councils and third sector organisations to meet any gaps highlighted by the evaluation exercise;
- The Mayor should urgently advocate to Government for further support funding under the Rough Sleepers Accommodation Programme, so that longer-term housing solutions, including options such as Housing First, can be delivered; and
- The Mayor should also urgently address the £535m that is yet to be allocated from his £4.82bn government-funded Affordable Housing Programme, to ensure that suitable provision is made for long-term housing solutions for rough sleepers.

#### **4. Issues for Consideration**

- 4.1 The Mayor of London wrote to the Chair responding to the recommendations in the Housing Committee's *'5 Steps to Build On 'Everyone In' in London* report on 19 March 2021, as attached at **Appendix 1**.
- 4.2 The Committee is asked to note the response received.

#### **5. Legal Implications**

- 5.1 The Committee has the power to do what is recommended in the report.

#### **6. Financial Implications**

- 6.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report

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#### **List of appendices to this report:**

Appendix 1 – Response from the Mayor to Housing Committee, 19 March 2021

## Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

List of Background Papers:

None.

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