

North Yorkshire Council

Full Council

12 November 2025

Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy 2025-2030

Report of the Corporate Director – Community Development

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To approve adoption of the North Yorkshire Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy 2025-2030 as recommended to Full Council by Executive at their meeting on 16 September 2025.

2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 By law councils must have published homelessness strategies. These strategies are used to set the direction of homelessness and rough sleeping services in their areas.
- 2.2 The strategy, Appendix A, was shaped with input from Homeless Link (a national homelessness organisation) and by a wide range of partners. The Housing and Leisure Overview and Scrutiny Committee has also fed into the development of the strategy and reviewed the draft on 11 June 2025.
- 2.3 To support the delivery of the strategy, an action plan for the first year has been developed and will be monitored through the East and West Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Forums and the NY Partnership meetings.
- 2.4 Under the Homelessness Act 2002, Councils must publish a homelessness strategy every five years. These strategies must outline plans to prevent homelessness and ensure adequate accommodation and support for those affected.
- 2.5 North Yorkshire has a strong record in homelessness prevention. This strategy builds on that success, informed by a comprehensive review involving staff, service users, and partners. It reflects past achievements, current service demands, and future needs.
- 2.6 This is the first strategy for the new unitary authority and sets out the Council's vision, priorities, and actions for the next five years.
- 2.7 The vision within the strategy is to prevent homelessness and rough sleeping wherever possible for North Yorkshire residents. Where homelessness cannot be prevented, we aim to make it rare, brief, and non-recurrent. This will be achieved through partnership working and ensuring access to quality temporary and long-term housing with appropriate support.
- 2.8 On 16 September 2025 Executive considered the report North Yorkshire Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy (Appendix B). The Minutes of the meeting of the Executive on 16 September 2025 are available here [Agenda for Executive on Tuesday, 16 September 2025, 11.00 am | North Yorkshire Council](#)

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 These are covered in the report that went to the Executive on 16 September 2025 at Section 11.

4.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 These are covered in the report that went to the Executive on 16 September at Section 12.

5.0 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

5.1 These are covered in the report that went to the Executive on 16 September at Section 13.

6.0 CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS

6.1 These are covered in the report that went to the Executive on 16 September at Section 14.

7.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

7.1 That Full Council adopts the North Yorkshire Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy 2025-2030.

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1 October 2025

Appendix A – Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy 2025-2030
Appendix B - Executive report 16 September 2025