Homelessness policy and support for rough sleepers

Tuesday, 9 May 2023 Council

Council Member Councillor Giles

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MOTION ON NOTICE

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Councillor Giles will move a motion and seek a seconder for the matter shown below to facilitate consideration by the Council:

'Considering there has been an increase in recent times of homelessness and rough sleepers in the city, Council calls for:

- 1. A report from Administration on the current situation for homeless people and rough sleepers including the model for funding and support arrangements for homeless people and rough sleepers that currently apply in the City of Adelaide.
- 2. A homelessness round table be developed to consult with key stakeholders about the role of Council in achieving zero functional homelessness and to be chaired by a Councillor.
- 3. Administration provide proposals for funding support services and include these for consideration in the 2023/24 Budget process.'

ADMINISTRATION COMMENT

- 1. City of Adelaide has key partnerships that deliver on its strategic intent for zero functional homelessness. This includes the Adelaide Zero Partnership, South Australian Alliance to End Homelessness, and the Homeless and Vulnerable People Project.
- 2. The Adelaide Zero Partnership produces an active dashboard on homelessness and this can be accessed online (Link 1 view here).
- 3. Council's current role in homelessness is set out in its Homelessness, Social Housing and Housing Affordability Policy 2022-2025 (Link 2 view here).
- 4. A Chief Executive Officer Briefing was held on 28 February 2023 (<u>Link 3 view here</u>) to discuss Council's existing housing related policy framework and documents. While not a decision making forum, as an outcome of this CEO Briefing, Administration undertook to develop a separate Homelessness Policy and separate Housing Policy.
- 5. Administration is currently preparing content to progress a draft Homelessness Policy for consideration at the Community Services and Culture Committee on 6 June 2023 in line with the feedback from Council received at the CEO Briefing on 28 February 2023.
- 6. If this motion is supported:
 - 6.1 a further report on the current situation for homeless people and rough sleepers, including the model for funding and support arrangements, can be circulated to Council Members via E-News in June 2023.

- 6.2 A homelessness round table could be convened to consult with key stakeholders about the role of Council in achieving zero functional homelessness and to inform the draft Homelessness Policy.
- 7. Draft budget proposals for the homelessness function have been prepared for Council's 2023/2024 budget deliberations.

| Should the motion be carried, the following implications of this motion should be considered. Note any costs provided are estimates only – no quotes or prices have been obtained: | |
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| Public consultation | Not as a result of this motion |
| External consultant advice | Not as a result of this motion |
| Legal advice / litigation (eg contract breach) | Not as a result of this motion |
| Impacts on existing projects | Not as a result of this motion |
| Budget reallocation | Not as a result of this motion |
| Capital investment | Not as a result of this motion |
| Staff time in preparing the workshop / report requested in the motion | Budget proposals have been prepared for the current budget deliberations for 2023/2024. |
| | A report on the current situation for homeless people and rough sleepers including the model for funding and support could be provided in June 2023. |
| | A roundtable would take approximately two months to prepare for, including coordinating speakers, content, room booking, catering and invitations. |
| Other | Not applicable |
| Staff time in receiving and preparing this administration comment | 4.5 hours |

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