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| Subject: | NIHE Chronic Homelessness Action Plan 2019 Consultation |
| Date: | 6 August 2019 |
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| 1.0 | Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues |
| 1.1 | There have been significant levels of concern in recent years around levels of homelessness in both Belfast and the wider region. More recently, it has been recognised that many of those who find themselves homeless have a range of complex additional needs e.g. addictions and/or mental health. |
| 1.2 | In recognition of this, NIHE are formally consulting on their draft Chronic Homelessness Action Plan, which recognises this specific client group. |
| 2.0 | Recommendations |
| 2.1 | The Committee is asked to; <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Approve the draft consultation response at Appendix 1. |

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| 3.0 | Main report |
| | <p><u>Key Issues</u></p> |
| 3.1 | The draft consultation response is attached at Appendix 1 for Members' consideration. |
| | <p><u>Financial & Resource Implications</u></p> |
| 3.2 | There are no financial and resource implications for Council at present. |
| | <p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p> |
| 3.3 | The consultation document confirms that NIHE are aware of their equality, good relations and rural needs legal obligations in these matters. |
| 4.0 | Appendices – Documents Attached |
| | <p>Appendix 1 Draft Council Response</p> <p>Appendix 2 NIHE Consultation Document</p> |