

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>MINISTERIAL WORKING GROUP ON PREVENTING AND TACKLING HOMELESSNESS</b></p>
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**5pm - 6pm Tuesday 20 January 2015**

**Large Ministerial Conference Room, House of Commons**

**Attendees**

Kris Hopkins MP, Minister for Local Government, DCLG (Chairman)  
Andrew Selous MP, Minister for Prisons, Probation and Rehabilitation (MoJ)  
Edward Timpson MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Children and Families (DfE)  
Jane Ellison MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary for Public Health (DH)  
Lord David Freud, Minister for Welfare Reform (DWP)  
Rob Wilson MP, Minister for Civil Society (Cabinet Office)  
Anna Soubry MP, Minister for Defence Personnel, Welfare and Veterans (MOD)  
Nick Boles MP, Minister of State, Department for Business, Innovation and Skills (BIS)  
Paul Wylie, Director of the London and South Region Immigration Enforcement Teams, Home Office (HO)  
Dan Greaves, Deputy Director, Crime and Policing Group, Home Office (HO)

**Apologies**

Lynne Featherstone MP, Minister of State for Crime Prevention, Home Office

**Agenda item one: Welcome and Introductions**

1. The Chairman opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.

**Agenda item two: A Joined – up Approach; Improving needs homeless people with multiple needs**

2. The Chairman explained that at the last meeting Departments had agreed to explore how better outcomes could be achieved for vulnerable people with complex needs. The aim would be to reduce their chaotic service use and prevent them from ending up on the streets.
3. Officials have produced a report which celebrates the achievements of the Ministerial Working Group to date and gathers evidence to inform future policy in the forthcoming parliament. The Chairman invited comments on the report.
4. In discussion, Ministers raised the following key points:
  - The STRIVE pilot has gone well and has the potential to be rolled out across the country;
  - Social Impact Bonds should be considered as a model for the future;
  - Lessons should be learned from existing programmes and consideration should be given to who would be responsible for identifying individuals in the first instance; and

- The likelihood of reoffending can be significantly reduced if individuals have somewhere to live once they have left custody. Local Authorities' approach to accommodating ex-offenders can be variable.
5. Ministers suggested including material on the change in law for children staying in foster placement until the age of 21, MoJ's Transforming Rehabilitation Programme, Police and Crime Commissioners and drug treatment providers.

**Actions:**

- **DCLG to liaise with other Government Departments to obtain contributions for the report.**
- **MOJ to gather evidence on local authority approach to accommodating ex-offenders.**
- **DCLG to finalise the draft report and arrange for it to be published as soon as possible, subject to clearance.**

**Agenda item three: Policy Update**

6. The Chairman gave a brief update of the latest homelessness policies including:
- The Fair Chance Fund which saw seven providers begin operation on 1 January supporting 1600 high needs young homeless people, and
  - The £8m Help for Single Homelessness fund which will support around 22,000 single homeless people across 168 local authorities.

**Agenda item four: Homelessness Statistics update**

7. The Chairman explained that the statistics paper was an information only item.

**Agenda item five: AOB**

8. The Minister for Public Health reported that she had recently attended the launch of PHE and NHS England's joint national TB strategy for England and the launch of 'Find and Treat's' second mobile TB x-ray van. From February the van will provide influenza and PPV vaccinations across London for under-served communities. Soon they will also be able to offer smoking cessation services, alcohol treatment services and mental health interventions as well as testing for HIV and Hepatitis C and B.

**Action:**

- **DCLG to prepare a one pager for circulation to all MPs detailing the MWG's achievements.**

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