

# Tackling Homelessness and Rough Sleeping: Developing a Local, Diverse and Multi-Agency Approach

Event taking place online | 4th November 2020

10.00 **Chair's Introduction—*Cllr Adele Morris, Southwark Council***

10.10 **Keynote Address: Policy to date and Government Next Steps**

- Acting on legislation effectively: Utilising the *Homelessness Reduction Act* to better effect
  - Updates on the *Rough Sleeping Strategy* and proposed delivery plan
  - The Government's *Tackling Homelessness Together* consultation and forthcoming next steps
  - Plans to expand successful pilots and programmes such as the *Rough Sleeping Initiative* and *Housing First*
- ⇒ **Bob Blackman MP, Author, Homelessness Reduction Act**

10.40 **Making Homelessness Strategies Happen Locally**

- Local Need, Local Response: Shaping services to meet local homelessness contexts
  - Setting the strategic vision for reducing homelessness in a locality and monitoring progress in achieving it
  - Going beyond the duty to refer: Ensuring homeless needs are met beyond a referral to the LHA
- ⇒ **Ian Swift, Head of Housing Solutions, London Borough of Southwark**

11.30 Morning Break

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**11.40 Temporary Fix, Permanent Solution: Considering Effective Housing Solutions**

- Temporary to permanent transition: Best practice from trail-blazing local authorities
  - Curating clear, concise and straightforward personalised housing plans for at-risk individuals
  - Considering the benefits of housing first and other housing-led approaches
  - Accounting for different housing needs in provisions
- ⇒ **Hayden Duncan**, *Managing Director, Emerging Futures*
- ⇒ **Lee Buss**, *Director of Operations, Riverside*

**12.30 Lunch****13.00 One size doesn't fit all: Catering to different homeless needs**

- Health and Homelessness: Understanding the Complex Health Challenges
  - Understanding the diversity and complexity in different homelessness cases
  - Drugs and Alcohol: Exploring best practice in overcoming addiction issues
- ⇒ **Toni Warner**, *Deputy Chief Executive, Single Homeless Project*

**14.00 Developing a Long-Term, Multi-Agency, Joined-Up Approach**

- Improving partnership working with health practices, local authorities and other agencies
  - The merits of Implementing Homelessness Reduction Boards in local government
  - Mapping homelessness services and the delivery chain in the locality
- ⇒ **Molly Bishop**, *Strategic Lead for Homelessness, Greater Manchester Combined Authority*

**15.00 Chair's Summary of Day & Event Close**

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