

Local Challenge 1: “To adopt a corporate commitment to prevent homelessness which has buy in across all local authority services”

Area of Assessment	Key Elements	Areas to Consider
<p>We have adopted a corporate commitment to prevent homelessness which has buy in across all local authority services</p>	<p>A. Strategic level sign up and awareness</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All departments are signed up to the homelessness strategy with a corporate commitment to ensure the strategy aims are delivered 2. Lead elected member foreword within the local preventing homelessness strategy makes explicit commitment to early intervention and prevention 3. Briefing sessions, including joint awareness/training across local authority services and Voluntary and Community Organisations, regarding the local response to homelessness and the importance of preventing homelessness 4. Regular briefings/updates to elected members on the local strategic response to homelessness 5. Blockages in delivery of strategic objectives are monitored to assess additional resource allocation
	<p>B. Investment in services evidenced by financial reports</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Department for Communities and Local Government’s Preventing Homelessness Grant allocation or sufficient prevention focussed resources are utilised for the delivery of Housing Options / prevention services 2. Other current one off funding payments for homelessness services are specifically allocated for delivery of intended outputs 3. Government contribution to Discretionary Housing Payments being used in a targeted way to include the prevention of homelessness
	<p>C. Operational evidence of joint working across services</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Homelessness forum (or local alternative) in place which meets at least twice a year. All relevant local authority services and Voluntary and Community Organisations are invited and represented on the local Homelessness Forum 2. Regular update meetings and/or briefings are happening between services that include consideration of local homelessness matters 3. Co-location and/or joint commissioning of services to respond to housing need where appropriate and practicably possible; for example health, criminal justice, CAB, Registered Providers, Department for Work and Pensions etc