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Freedom of Information Act 2000

Dear Ranjit Bains

I refer to your request under the Freedom of Information Act and can confirm that the information requested is held by Birmingham City Council. Please see our response below. On behalf of the Council I apologise for the delay.

Request

Whether the Council has any strategic policies in relation to homelessness? Secondly, is there any guidance or information given to decision makers who deal with applications for housing under Part 6 of the Housing Act 1996, and decisions relating to homelessness under Part 7 of the Housing Act 1996 about domestic violence?

Response

Please see attached the existing strategies namely the Homelessness Strategy 2012+ and Birmingham Violence Against Women Strategy 2013-2015.

Please also refer to the attached link

<https://www.birminghambeheard.org.uk/people-1/birmingham-homelessness-prevention-strategy-2017/>

in relation to the Birmingham Homelessness Prevention Strategy 2017+. Consultation closed on 5 October 2017.

This new strategy has been endorsed by the Council's Executive Cabinet and has been submitted to the City Council for approval at its meeting on 9 January 2018. A copy of the report to Council and draft strategy are attached and these documents are also viewable via the Council's committee management information system on the Council's website. The final strategy will be published on the Council's website once finalised and approved.

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The following guidance and procedure is available to decision makers who deal with applications for housing under Part 6 of the Housing Act 1996, and decisions relating to homelessness under Part 7 of the Housing Act 1996 about domestic violence:-

1. Housing Allocation Scheme April 2017
2. Allocation Scheme Procedure V4.
3. Homelessness Code of Guidance for Local Authorities

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I will now close your request as of this date and once again I apologise for the delay.

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Yours sincerely

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