

High Peak Borough Council

Homelessness & Rough Sleeping Local Action Plan (2026 – March 2028)

Introduction and Context

This plan sets out High Peak Borough Council's priorities for preventing and responding to homelessness, between 2026 and March 2028. The plan supports Derbyshire's Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy (2023-27), the strategy's four priority areas provide the framework for delivery:

1. Make homelessness everyone's responsibility through a system wide approach
2. Prevent and respond to homelessness through early intervention and personalised solutions
3. End rough sleeping and repeat homelessness
4. Develop sustainable supported and settled housing solutions

The plan also reflects national expectations set out within Government's National Plan to End Homelessness (2025). The Plan adopts the core principle that homelessness should be prevented wherever possible and, where it occurs, should be brief and non-recurring. There are three national government targets to be achieved this parliament:

- Increase the proportion of people who are supported to stay in their own home or helped to find alternative accommodation following a prevention or relief duty
- Eliminate the use of B&B accommodation for families, other than for short-term use in emergencies
- Halve the number of people sleeping rough long term.

The government strategy introduces a new Outcomes Framework for local government based on national priorities and a new requirement for Councils to have action plans which include local targets aligned with the new metrics in the Outcomes Framework.

Local Targets

Local authorities are required to set targets against the baseline metrics shown in the table below. HPBC typically performs well against the national and regional averages of these metrics. Our local targets have been developed considering local data, local demand pressures, funding assumptions and anticipated changes to national reporting requirements. Where current performance exceeds the target, the target represents the minimum performance level the Council will seek to maintain whilst responding to increasing demand and financial pressures. In setting these targets we are mindful of our strong performance and prioritise maintaining these positive outcomes.

Local Outcome Framework Metric	Metric baseline detail	National England average	Regional E.Mids average	HPBC Baseline		HPBC Target	HPBC target considerations
Households with children in temporary accommodation (rate per 1,000 households)	Number in HCLIC Q2 (July /Sept 2025/26) as at 30 th Sept 2025	3.51	1.2	0.14 (equivalent 6 households)		0.26 (equivalent 11 households)	Amend following 2025/26 comparisons Q1 0.30 (equivalent 13 households), Q3 0.09 (4), Q4 0.09 (4). 2024/25 comparisons: Q1 0.28 (12), Q2 0.30 (13), Q3 0.28 (12), Q4 0.30 (13). HPBC target above baseline metric (0.14%) considering local performance compared with regional and national averages.
Families in B&B over 6 weeks	Number in HCLIC Q2 (July /Sept 2025/26) as at 30th Sept 2025	3	1	0		0	The expectation is that all targets set against this metric will be 0. Amend following 2025/26 comparisons: Q1 1, Q3 0, Q4 0.
Successful prevention and relief outcomes	% of prevention and relief duties owed in HCLIC Q2 (July /Sept 2025/26)	44%	52%	75%		52%	2025/26 comparison: Q1 72%, Q3 67%, Q4 55%. 2024/25 comparison 60%. HPBC target below baseline metric (75%) considering local performance compared with regional and national averages.
Successful prevention and relief outcomes for those experiencing multiple disadvantage	% of prevention and relief duties owed, households with three or more support needs, HCLIC Q2 (July /Sept 2025/26)	37%	40%	29%		30%**	2025/26 comparison : Q1 not available, Q3 50%, Q4 80%. **Data is in development. Minor changes in caseload can have a disproportionate impact on percentage performance when compared with regional and national benchmarks.
People sleeping rough on a single night	Number in annual snapshot estimate: Autumn 2025	16	10	3		3	2.6 is the average number of rough sleepers reported in annual snapshot estimates since 2019, when specialist rough sleeping funding and services commissioned.
People sleeping rough over the month who are Long Term***	Number in monthly rough sleeper return: November 2025	10	5	2		1	3 Long Term rough sleeper individuals between Apr 2025 - Aug 2026.

*Support needs: offending history, domestic abuse victim, history of repeat homelessness or history of rough sleeping, drug dependency needs or alcohol dependency needs, history of mental health problems.

**while authorities are required to set a target against this metric, MHCLG recognise data is immature and prone to data quality issues. As a result, in the interim, will not measure performance against this target while working to improve this dataset.

***Long-term rough sleeping is defined as the number of people seen sleeping rough in the current month and who have also been seen sleeping rough in 2 or more additional months over the past 12 months.

Local Action

Below is a table of practical and measurable actions to be achieved by end March 2028, outlining how we will work with partners to achieve local target outcomes.

Action	What We'll Do	Lead Officers & Partners	How We'll Measure Success
Develop local Homelessness Forum and Homelessness Action Plan Steering Group for delivering the Action Plan.	Develop formal multi-agency partnerships	Head of Housing/ Senior Housing Options Officer/ Housing Strategy Officer	Partners engaged. Number of referrals received. Meet regularly to monitor delivery of the homelessness strategy, identify emerging issues, and agree joint solutions.
Identify the key triggers for homelessness	Work with partners to ensure that they are equipped to prevent homelessness and/or make seamless referrals where necessary.	Housing Strategy Officer/ Senior Housing Options Officer	Number of referrals received. Total approaches into service.
Understand the baseline health position of the homelessness population	Undertake Homeless Link's Health Needs Audit	Housing Strategy Officer	Understanding of homeless health needs, data is shared and can be used to improve interventions and joint approaches.
Ensure a range of measures are in place to prevent homelessness linked to the wider economy and increases in the cost of living.	Access to money and debt advice (including gambling and loan shark), with referral and joint working with partner agencies.	Housing Strategy Officer/ Senior Housing Options Officer/ Citizens Advice	Number of referrals and households assisted.
Work to maximise preventions from the private rented sector through the development of targeted interventions.	Promote existing services Call B4 You Serve, Adullam pre-tenancy training and tenancy support. Rent Deposit Bond Scheme and use of Prevention Fund. Explore other landlord incentive initiatives.	Housing Strategy Officer/ Senior Housing Options Officer	Number of successful prevention and relief outcomes
Develop a comprehensive and attractive private rented 'landlord offer'.	Promote existing services. Landlord engagement/ forum. Explore other landlord incentive initiatives.	Housing Strategy Officer/ Senior Housing Options Officer	Number of successful prevention and relief outcomes. Number of landlords engaged
Develop a prison release protocol.	Develop a countywide protocol in development. Prison release boards taking place.	Housing Strategy Officer/ Senior Housing Options Officer/ Prison & Probation Services	Protocol in place
Develop discharge protocols with Derbyshire hospitals	Establish referral and escalation routes, joint working arrangements and protocols.	Housing Strategy Officer	Referral and escalation routes and joint working arrangements. Protocol in place.
Develop a supported housing pre-eviction protocol in partnership with providers.	Establish protocol with referral and escalation routes and joint working arrangements.	Senior Housing Options Officer/ Housing Strategy Officer/ SHIP officers & supported accommodation providers	Protocol in place
Work with Derbyshire County Council and partners to influence and inform the commissioning and delivery of mental health, substance	Establish referral and escalation routes to progress cases, and joint working arrangements.	Head of Housing/ Senior Housing Officer/ Housing Strategy Officer	Referral and escalation routes. Published information relating to available support.

misuse, adult social care and children's services to ensure they are accessible and meet the needs of those experiencing homelessness.			
Develop Young Persons and Care Leaver joint working and pathways with Children's Services	Review referral and escalation routes and joint working arrangements. Protocol development	Housing Strategy Officer/ Senior Housing Officer	Referral, escalation routes and joint working arrangements. Protocol in place.
Maximise the provision of affordable social housing	Work to formalise nominations with Registered Providers. Build relationships with housing providers.	Housing Strategy Officer/ Senior Housing Officer	Number of households housed through social housing
Work with Derbyshire County Council to develop provision for domestic abuse, including safe accommodation, refuge provision and support.	This will include ensuring a range of housing options, choice and information available to those experiencing domestic abuse.	Housing Strategy Officer/ Senior Housing Officer	Published information relating to available housing options and support
Improve supported accommodation offer.	Develop supported housing needs assessment & strategy. Ongoing Supported Housing Improvement Programme work.	Housing Strategy Officer, SHIP officers, supported accommodation providers & SCC	Strategy in place by 31st March 2027
Maximise relationship and funding with East Midlands Combined County Authority (EMCCA)	Attend updates or meetings with EMCCA to inform homelessness work	Head of Housing/ Senior Housing Officer/ Housing Strategy Officer	Meetings attended by HPBC
Develop responses to rough sleeping.	Utilise Rough Sleeper Grant Funding Yr 1 (2026/27) and work with partners to develop responses. Commission rough sleeper outreach services. Lived experience engagement	Head of Housing/ Senior Housing Officer/ Housing Strategy Officer	Increase in number of rough sleepers supported off the streets by Christmas 2026. Rough sleeper outreach services commissioned.
Develop data and intelligence	Develop data sharing relating to homelessness demand and causes. Develop monitoring in relation to repeat homelessness applications	Housing Strategy Officer	Increased understanding of homelessness demand, causes and repeat homelessness, which can be used to inform prevention and service delivery.

The actions will be delivered through a combination of

- Business as usual activity, where actions form part of existing homelessness prevention, housing advice and partner services.
- Partnership work, including project-based work, to deliver specific priorities requiring multi-agency collaboration.
- Pilot improvements, using a trial-and-learn approach with new initiatives piloted evaluated and scaled if successful.

Progress against the action plan will be monitored through governance arrangements and partnership forums, ensuring accountability, continuous learning and the flexibility to respond to emerging challenges and opportunities.

Governance, Monitoring and Review

The local area benefits from a network of partnerships and joint work arrangements, including (but not limited to)

- Derbyshire Homeless Officers Group (DHOG)
- Derbyshire Strategic Housing Officers Group (DSHOG)
- Derbyshire Senior Housing Leaders Group
- Derbyshire Homelessness Strategy Steering Group
- Derbyshire Homelessness Forum
- Derbyshire Housing & Health Systems Group
- Derbyshire MARAC (Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference)
- Derbyshire MAPPA (Multi-Agency Public Protection Arrangements)
- Derbyshire Resettlement and Rehabilitation; Joint Housing and Probation Meeting
- Derbyshire and Derby Pre Release Discussion Panels
- High Peak Financial Inclusion Group
- High Peak Homelessness Forum
- High Peak Rough Sleeping Action Group

The Council will annually review the Action Plan, performance measures and local targets and through the following governance arrangements

Governance Element	Role
Alliance Management Team and Leader of the Council.	Provide strategic leadership, approve priorities, oversee performance and ensure homelessness remains a corporate priority.
Homelessness Action Plan Steering Group	A newly formed Homelessness Action Plan Steering Group will be chaired by the Head of Housing (or equivalent senior officer) and will meet bi-annually to oversee delivery against local targets and agreed actions. The group will consist of local representatives of statutory bodies with cross-government homelessness targets.
Local Homelessness Forum	A local homelessness forum will build on existing relationships with wider stakeholders to share best practice and guidance, to collaborate on shared priorities and update on progress against our local actions and targets. Membership will include housing (Registered Providers), statutory partners, health services, criminal justice, DWP representatives and the voluntary community sector.

Performance is also monitored monthly through the Transformation Board, with quarterly reporting to Corporate Select Committee, and then Executive. Corrective actions will be agreed where performance falls below target.