

# A route-map starts here:

## Defend

The modernisation of services and the legal and intellectual progress that we want to defend.



### Policy and Structures

- Defend rights and the ability to have a choice.
- Defend the progress made to dismantle the old legal hurdles to getting homelessness help.
- Defend the Ending Homelessness Together Plan and Rapid Rehousing Policy.
- Defend the suspension of local connection and ensure it is not brought back.
- Defend the ability for refugees to move to an area that suits them – where they will be able to access community and support services.
- Defend the Housing Bill prevention duties.

### People and Services

- Defend choice and people's right to define what home means for them.
- Defend vulnerable adults and those most exposed to harm.
- Defend small caseloads and longer-term support.
- Defend trauma informed environments and space for reflective practice.
- Defend people with no recourse to public funds.

### Resources

- Defend rapid rehousing funding.
- Defend a well-resourced Housing First model and the principle of Housing First.

## Direct

Where more clarity and direction is needed to sequence the actions that need taken.



### Policy and Structures

- Create a long-term Affordable Housing Supply Programme over multiple years.
- Provide a clear method to transition to a rapid rehousing policy at local level.
- We need 'home' centred in all sectors and especially the relevant bodies.
- Increase support and guidance for place-based approaches to homelessness prevention.

### People and Services

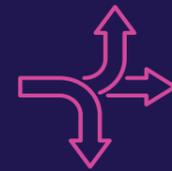
- Direction for frontline staff on how new prevention duties will work across all relevant bodies.
- Direction on how to provide a gendered approach in homelessness services.
- Direction on how to scale up Housing First more rapidly.
- Direction and clarity on the role of supported housing as a response to homelessness.

### Resources

- Provide direction to increase joint planning and commissioning by housing, health and social care.
- This is needed for key pillars of the homelessness plan, including prevention, Housing First and transforming supported housing.

## Divert

Where we need to grasp the nettle. Stop doing what doesn't work and release resources trapped there.



### Policy and Structures

- Create wealth and land taxes for more homes.
- Means test universal benefits that mostly benefit wealthier people.
- More assertive use of empty commercial and office premises for general population housing (but not specifically 'homeless' accommodation)

### People and Services

- There is an oversupply of supported housing in some areas.
- Don't reinvent the wheel on prevention – scale up what's working locally.
- No Wrong Door – commit to join up sectors and services to improve people's experience.
- Bring outdoor food provision indoors to prioritise people's comfort and dignity.

### Resources

- Focus on investment in social housing and continue to set the standard for private renting.
- Release the resources trapped in unsuitable temporary accommodation, often for commercial profit.
- Invest to bring voids and empty homes up to required standards; this is a quick win.
- Stop short-term funding for frontline services, it is counterproductive for people and services.
- Don't invest in communal night shelter approaches.