

Dear Colleagues and Partners

We are delighted to share with you the outputs from Rough Sleeping in Oxford: The City Conversation.

The event was attended by over 100 stakeholders who met to discuss rough sleeping and homelessness in Oxford. It was organised by Oxford City Council and included representatives from Oxfordshire's homelessness organisations, health and mental health services, faith groups, public bodies, local councillors, representatives from the Universities, students and people with lived experience of rough sleeping.

The aim of the conversation was to start to find a common understanding of what causes rough sleeping and street homelessness in Oxford – and find the means to tackle the issue. At the event, stakeholders adopted the following vision:

“To ensure that nobody has to sleep rough on the streets of Oxford.”

Please see attached:

1. PDF of the draft statement of intent discussed and agreed at the event.
Attached
2. Link to some of the tweets from and about the event.
<https://twitter.com/i/moments/935753812354224129>

Next steps

The next steps will be to set up a small steering group – to include at least one person with lived experience of rough sleeping - to continue the conversation towards agreeing a Rough Sleeping Charter for Oxford by the Spring.

Oxford City Council will assist with the process of identifying a third party organisation to convene the steering group and take the City Conversation forward over the coming months. We will keep you posted on developments. In the meantime, if you have any comments or questions please email cityconversation@oxford.gov.uk.