SUBJECT:	Homelessness Reduction Act 2017 - Presentation
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## 1. Purpose of Report

## **RECOMMENDATION**

That the presentation be noted.

- 1.1 The Homelessness Reduction Act 2017 received Royal Assent earlier this year and is due to be implemented in April 2018. The Act introduces significant changes to the Council's statutory homelessness duties and to the level of advice and support that the Council is required to provide to homeless persons.
- 1.2 The Act is introducing a range of new statutory duties that the Council will have to implement to provide more extensive advice and assistance to all clients on the prevention and relief of homelessness. This will potentially have significant impacts on the way in which the Council delivers its housing options and homelessness service.
- 1.3 The Council's Housing Manager, Michael Veryard, will be making a presentation to the meeting to explain the Act in more detail and discuss the implications and impacts on the Council.

<b>Background Papers:</b>	It is a legal requirement that we make available any background papers
	relied on to prepare the report and should be listed at the end of the
	report (copies of Part 1 background papers for executive decisions must
	be provided to Democratic Services )