

HOMELESSNESS AWARENESS WEEK EVENT	6th November 2018
TO: ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE	
FOR INFORMATION	

Linkage to Council Strategy (2015-19)	
Strategic Theme	Resilient Healthy & Engaged Communities
Outcome	Raise awareness on the prevalence of homelessness in the Borough
Lead Officer	Head of Health & Built Environment
Cost: (If applicable)	n/a

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A key action within the Northern Ireland Housing Executive Homelessness Strategy 2017-22 has been the creation of Homelessness Local Area Groups aligned to Housing Executive areas. The Causeway group is chaired by Housing Executive Area Manager and contains representation from statutory and voluntary groups across the Causeway area. The work of the group is guided by an inter-agency Action Plan that was launched in June 2018. The inter-agency nature of the group and the Action Plan is reflective of the complexity of homelessness as an issue that goes beyond the provision of accommodation.

As part of this Action Plan the group have committed to an event in Homelessness Awareness Week which will outline what agencies within the area provide in an effort to prevent and address homelessness for those households who find themselves homeless or threatened with homelessness. The event, hosted by Vineyard Social Compassion, is scheduled for Friday 7th December 2018 and will have a range of speakers for the statutory and voluntary sectors.