



## **Glasgow's Pledge to the European Pillars of Social Rights**

Glasgow is a proud European city, committed to promoting and celebrating its place as a welcoming city for everyone to visit, live, work, and do business at the heart of Europe. We firmly believe that our city should be inclusive for all leaving no citizen behind.

To achieve this, Glasgow City Council will promote human rights, reduce inequalities, improve the quality of life, work towards social justice and empower our citizens. We are committed to the values of the European Pillar of Social Rights to help ensure that everyone benefits from the opportunities in our city. We believe that an inclusive city is an open society that addresses the needs of all its residents.

### **Principle 19: accessing social housing and tackling homelessness**

Glasgow is committed to tackling rough sleeping and homelessness in the city. We aim to reduce by 75% the number of people sleeping rough every week in the city centre and cut by 50% the number of people sleeping rough city-wide every year.

We will achieve these ambitious goals by delivering a homelessness strategy in partnership with providers, building on the recommendations of the city's first homelessness summit and strengthening our Rough Sleepers' Initiative approach. This is in line with Glasgow's international commitment to end street homelessness by 2030 as one of the 12 Vanguard Cities that form the 'A Place to Call Home' initiative of the Institute of Global Homelessness.

We will invest £23m by 2024 to re-design and deliver modernised services and support to prevent and combat homelessness and have formed the UK's first Alliance to End Homelessness. As part of this the city's Health and Social Care Partnership (GCHSCP) is working with partners to end homelessness in the next 7-10 years.

The Alliance, which will include people with lived experience of homelessness, aims to reduce the amount of time people spend in homelessness services and increase access to mainstream tenancies - with additional support provided where required. This will reduce dependency on temporary, stop gap accommodation.

To be a home for all people, Glasgow is also committed to ensure access to affordable housing for all. Our homelessness strategy runs alongside our city's wider Housing Strategy for Glasgow, which has the following priorities:

- Promote regeneration and enable investment in new-build housing
- Manage, maintain and improve the existing housing stock
- Raise management standards in the private rented sector
- Tackle fuel poverty, energy efficiency and climate change
- Improve access to housing across all tenures
- Promote health and wellbeing

Our Strategic Housing Investment Plan 2019-2024 will invest over £557million and provide almost 8,500 new affordable homes to meet the needs of Glasgow's growing and diverse population.

Our actions on, neighbourhoods, tackling inequality and community empowerment are strategic and closely linked. Having clean, sociable, accessible and safe neighbourhoods for people to live and work in is a key driver for the delivery of our commitment to reduce inequalities and improving the health and wellbeing of Glasgow's people.

We are committed to develop resilient and empowered neighbourhoods to achieve social rights in our city and ensure we are an Inclusive City for All.

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