

Homeless Migrants Advisory Panel (HMAP) Terms of Reference

The Homeless Migrants Advisory Panel (HMAP) will operate as an expert group to advise the work of the Life Off The Streets Taskforce, the London Strategic Migration Partnership (LSMP) and the GLA's internal teams on issues related to street homelessness among non-UK nationals in London.

This group will link to the Migrant and Refugee Advisory Panel (MRAP) through a Lead Member who will be part of both panels.

Main Functions of the group

1. To provide expert advice and guidance on the legal, policy and operational considerations relevant to the provision of support and accommodation for non-UK nationals;
2. To provide a forum for feedback and consultation on new initiatives and the delivery of projects supporting street homeless non-UK nationals and enable the escalation of operational challenges that cannot be resolved elsewhere;
3. To instigate and facilitate cross-sectoral working in the provision of support and accommodation for homeless non-UK nationals;
4. To elect 2 "Lead Members" to lead on ad hoc task and finish groups and represent HMAP on the LSMP and the Life Off The Streets Taskforce. See Appendix B for full role description of these "Lead Members".

Membership

The membership of the HMAP will reflect the range of organisations that are providing support, guidance, and advocacy for street homeless migrants in London. Civil society members will be selected by the GLA in consultation with Lead members of MRAP against the principles outlined in Appendix A. Due to the urgency of establishing this group to input into the planning work for moving-on migrant rough sleepers from Covid-19 emergency accommodation, we are simplifying the initial nomination process. The nomination process will be reviewed at the end of the financial year. The membership will be coordinated by GLA officers. The role of secretariat will be provided by GLA officers.

Membership will include:

- Senior Policy and Projects Officer (Rough Sleeping and Migration), GLA
- GLA officers from the Rough Sleeping Team
- GLA officers from the Migration Team
- Migrant and Refugee Advisory Panel (MRAP) Lead Member (x1)
- Migrant sector civil society representatives with homelessness focus (x4)
- Legal advice sector representative with migrant homelessness focus (x1)
- Homelessness sector civil society representatives with migration focus (x6)
- London Councils representative (X1)

Specialist stakeholders may be invited to attend meetings, for example MHCLG, NHS, Home Office, other statutory services, funders and researchers.

Appendix A

Homeless Migrants Advisory Panel (HMAP) Member Code

Membership of HMAP should:

- Represent the diversity of London's civil society organisations supporting street homeless non-UK nationals, the issues that affect them, and topics of expertise;
- Represent a spread of local areas within London, as well as regional, national and international partners;
- Have a maximum membership of 15 representatives, subject to review.

Members of HMAP are expected to be able to:

- Demonstrate expertise on the issues that they represent;
- Confidently communicate their views and participate in discussion;
- Demonstrate passion and enthusiasm for addressing key issues for homeless migrants;
- Attend relevant meetings – a minimum of two meetings per year;
- Engage at a strategic level to provide expert advice and guidance on issues related to Migrant Homelessness in London;
- Inform upcoming agendas for the HMAP as well as for the LSMP and Life Off The Streets Taskforce via "Lead Members";
- Participate in task and finish group activities and appropriate activity between meetings as relevant.

Appendix B

Homeless Migrants Advisory Panel (HMAP) Lead Members

Lead Members will be:

- Nominated and elected by HMAP members. Individuals may nominate themselves and are also allowed to vote freely.
- Appointed for one-year;
- Expected to arrange an appropriate handover for new incoming Lead Members at the end of their tenure.
- Attend at least 3 meetings of the LSMP and the Life Off The Streets Taskforce each.

Lead Members are expected to:

- Lead on attending either the LSMP or the Life Off The Streets Taskforce and represent the views of HMAP at each meeting.
- Report back to HMAP between meetings on any actions and outcomes coming from those meetings as appropriate;
- Lead on the work of ad hoc task and finish groups which are commissioned by HMAP and agreed by the GLA;
- Provide support to HMAP members to be able to engage fully in the agenda of the HMAP meetings, arranging pre-meets and briefings where necessary, and keeping in touch with members as appropriate;
- Work with the GLA to develop agendas for the HMAP as well as for the LSMP and Life Off The Streets Taskforce;
- Advise the GLA on a broader list of stakeholder contacts to be kept informed of relevant GLA updates and contribute to the GLA's community engagement work.