



# **Bristol Homes Board**

**June 20th 2019**

**Homelessness & Rough Sleeping**

**Strategy 2019-24**

**Graham Jones & Dave Clarke – Housing Options**



# Five Priorities identified in Strategy

- **Tackling rough sleeping**
  - **Prevention and Early Intervention**
  - **Improving Health and Wellbeing and Supporting People to Build Better Lives**
  - **Delivering Equality, Diversity and Inclusion in all Services**
  - **Working in Partnership**
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# Stakeholder Consultation

Between February 2018 and April 2019 we met with a range of organisations who deliver homelessness related services, including:

- National Rough Sleeping Advisory Panel,
  - National Housing Federation,
  - NHS Commissioning,
  - Next Link,
  - Golden Key,
  - Crisis,
  - Bristol Refugee Rights,
  - Bristol Refugee Forum,
  - the Care Forum,
  - One25,
  - Wildgoose Crisis Centre Ministries,
  - Streetwise.
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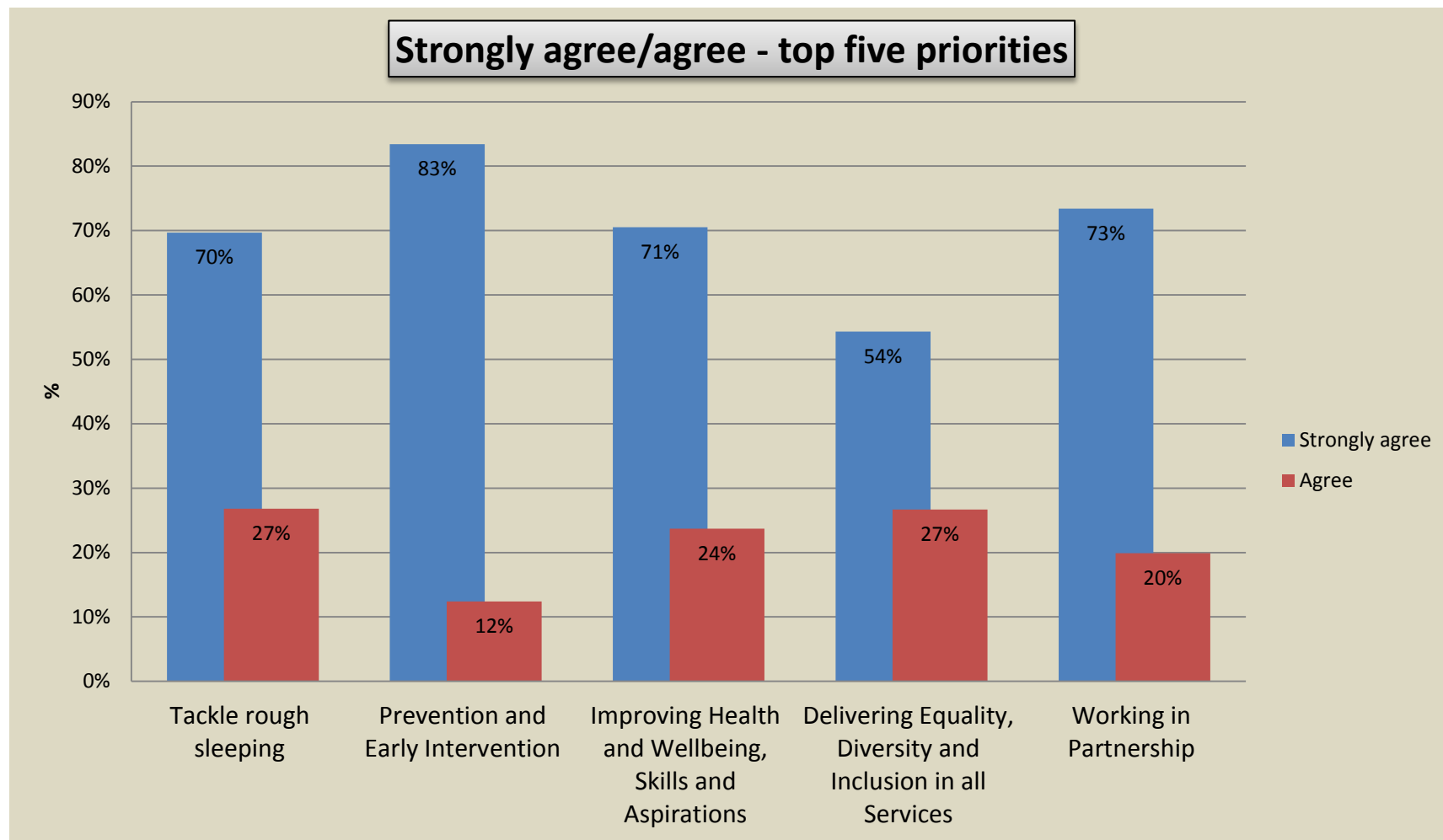
# Stakeholder Consultation – Key Issues

- Need to consider wider societal factors that can lead to homelessness
  - Need to take account of the many non-commissioned services working in the city
  - Importance of hidden homelessness (sofa surfing, people with no recourse to public funds, exploitation)
  - Need to consider impact of issues such as Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE's)
  - Issues raised fed into draft strategy, priorities and actions
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# Public Consultation

- Consultation on the draft strategy began on 8<sup>th</sup> April 2019 and finished on 27<sup>th</sup> May 2019
  - In addition to publicity through the press and media, 3000 service users were contacted, as were a range of stakeholders who deliver homelessness and rough sleeping services in the city
  - As of 28<sup>th</sup> May 2019 we have had 330 fully completed responses to the consultation and another 365 partial responses.
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# Public Consultation – The Five Priorities



# Additional Comments on Priorities

- A number of respondents highlighted the need for a 'housing first' approach
  - Need for more affordable/social housing in city
  - A number wanted to see more done with the Private Sector – tackling 'unreasonable rents'
  - A number called for the conversion of empty business buildings into affordable accommodation
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# Public Consultation – Key Actions

- Most popular actions to take forward:
  - Provide more move on accommodation for people sleeping rough (182 responses)
  - Reduce the numbers in Temporary Accommodation through prevention work and range of more affordable options (166 responses)
  - Increasing the supply of affordable homes, and ensuring that the right homes are delivered to meet housing needs (164 responses)
  - Build on existing links with health services (145 responses)
  - Review and where needed change the range of supported accommodation options available (100 responses)
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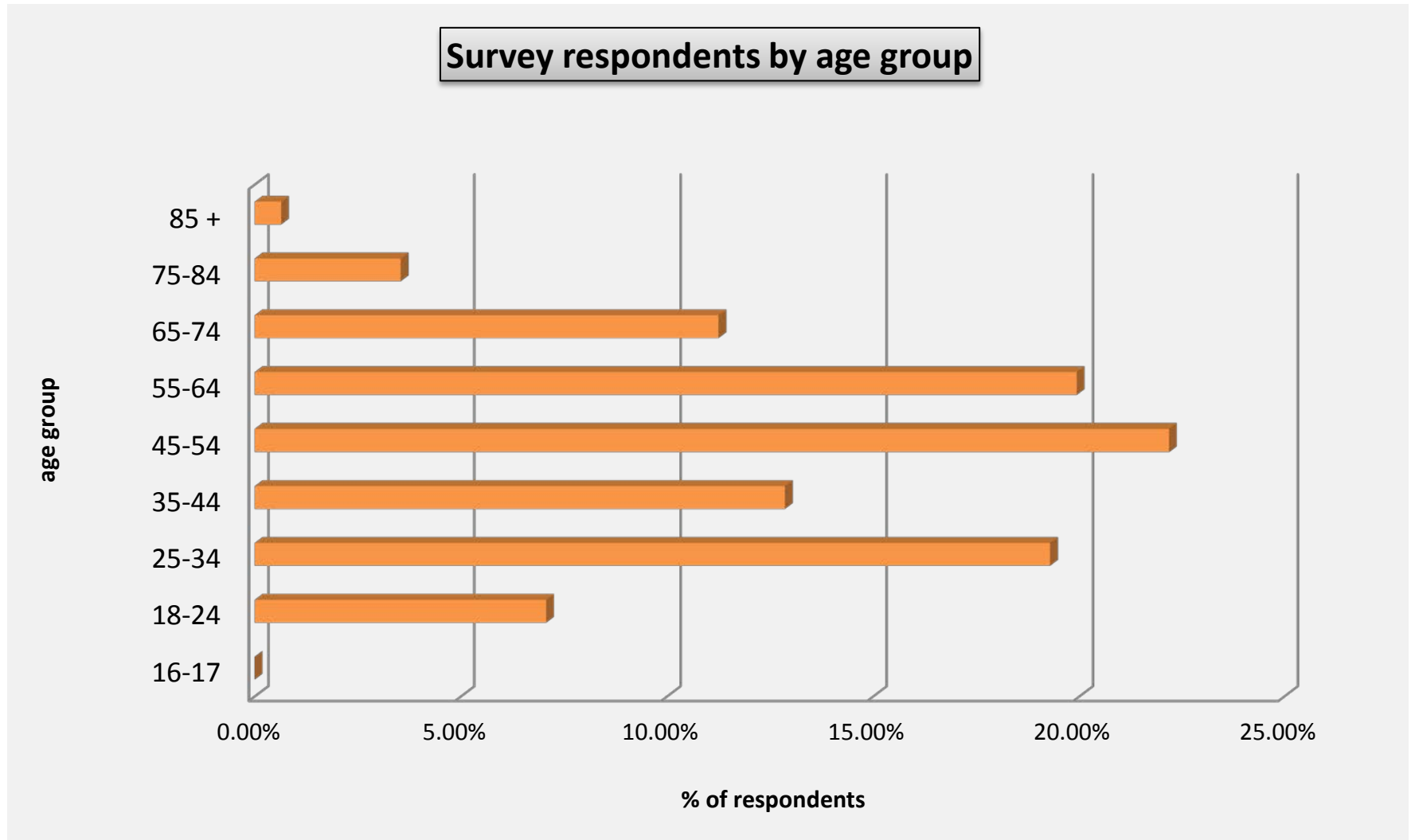
# Additional Comments on Actions

- Build more council houses, stop 'right to buy', and prevent developers from excluding affordable housing
  - A Housing First approach – but also emphasis on the need for complementary support services to tackle mental health and drug and alcohol issues
  - More partnership working
  - Bring more empty properties back into use
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# Public Consultation – Who responded?

- More women than men responded (62.9% compared to 30.6%)
  - Some 61.7% identified as owner occupiers, a further 18.3% as private renters. Just over 5% identified as Council Tenants
  - Around 4% of respondents identified either as no fixed abode/rough sleepers or were currently in temporary accommodation.
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# Public Consultation – Age Range



# Progress – decision pathway

- 20<sup>th</sup> June – **Bristol Homes Board**
  - 20<sup>th</sup> June – **Update to Director (Homes & Landlord Services)**
  - 28<sup>th</sup> June - 3<sup>rd</sup> July – **Presentation to Growth & Regeneration EDM**
  - W/C 16<sup>th</sup> July - **Cabinet member briefing**
  - Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> July - **Cabinet Board**
  - 5<sup>th</sup> August – **Deadline for Forward Plan submissions**
  - 8<sup>th</sup> August - **Deadline for executive summary review period**
  - 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> August – **Draft Report review period**
  - 21<sup>st</sup> August - **final report deadline to Democratic Services**
  - 26<sup>th</sup> August – **Statutory publication by Democratic Services**
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> September – **Approval by Cabinet**
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# Questions

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