SCRUTINY TOPIC REGISTRATION

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Suggested title of topic:	Review of homelessness policy

What is the issue that scrutiny needs to address?
Whether the partnership with Solace has led to the anticipated outcomes.
Whether the length of time that it takes to get people off the streets or out of green spaces and into secure accommodation is as expected.
What, if anything, could lead to a swifter outcome.

What do you feel could be achieved by a scrutiny review (outcomes)

Residents are unhappy at homeless people pitching tents in their green spaces. And being there for a long time. A tent dweller in Wellington Square arrived over two weeks ago and is cooperating with outreach – but is still working through the system. In the meantime, parents with young children feel intimidated to use the green space.
Positive practical outcomes could include homeless people being accommodated more quickly with benefits to the homeless person and to local residents.
And a scrutiny review would show the public that the Council takes the matter seriously and that we understand residents' concerns.

If there a strict time constraint?	No
Is the topic important to the people of Cheltenham?	Yes
Does the topic involve a poorly performing service or high public dissatisfaction with a service?	Yes
Is it related to the Council's corporate objectives?	Yes

Any other comments:
The Place Strategy includes the aspiration that everyone should thrive. It is important that homeless people are included and helped into secure accommodation as quickly as possible. The present arrangements do not satisfy that objective. Local residents uncomfortable in using their local green space will not feel that they are thriving.

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Please give your comments on this proposed topics, for example is there any other similar review planned or in progress, are there any potential resources constraints etc	