**Job Description**

**Independent Chair – BCP Homelessness Partnership Delivery Board**

**Role Profile**

**Service/Team** Housing and Communities

**Reports to** BCP Homelessness Partnership Delivery Board

**Responsible for** N/A

**Number of posts** 1

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**Job Overview and Purpose**

The Independent Chair for the Homeless Partnership Board will hold a key role in bringing together partners from: Integrated Care System, Local Government, private sector other Statutory and independent and voluntary sector and community partners to provide leadership and accountability, ensuring that the Board is representative of the local sector and that there is clear and strong linkage to the overarching Homelessness Coalition and the rest of the homelessness partnership in Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole, ensuring strategic alignment is in place with all stakeholders and plans are delivered to a high standard.

**Knowledge and experience**

* Credible track record of providing inspiring and strategic leadership; previous experience of holding a non-executive leadership role previously,
* Understanding of the role of Chair in delivering effective strategic leadership and of leading a diverse group of partners
* Direct experience of working with and influencing leaders of organisations across sectors or systems.
* Understanding of homelessness either professionally or through lived experience.
* Strong understanding of the principles of good governance

**Principal duties and responsibilities**

* To ensure that there is close communication and synergy between the Homelessness Partnership Delivery Board and the Homelessness Coalition with clear delineation of collective strategic goals and direction
* Provide strong and independent leadership to the board and ensure effective partnership working and governance, that the best interest of those impacted by homelessness are represented and advocated for.
* Chair meetings bi-monthly, facilitate strategic discussions and make timely decisions
* Ensuring that emerging practice, policy and legislation is known, understood and promoted to help improve provision and delivery
* Ensure that those who are experts by experience of homelessness are represented in the partnership and all work seeks to maximise co-production
* To be an agent and advocate of change for the Board where necessary, driving forward improvements
* Represent the Board locally and nationally as required
* Act as an arbiter if necessary to resolve any conflict or disagreement that arises
* Promote and celebrate success and contribute to relevant communications
* To oversee and hold to account the partnership action groups

**Personal Qualities & Attributes**

**Job Requirements, Skills, Qualities**

* Demonstrable skills and experience of leadership and delivery in the homelessness sector or close equivalent, ideally on a national basis
* Personal and professional credibility that will command confidence across a wide range of stakeholder interests.
* Excellent chairing skills, communication, strong leadership and presentation skills
* Ability to build relationships and partnerships around shared goals whilst ensuring constructive challenge
* Commitment to equity, diversity, and inclusion.
* Leading and managing in public, independent, or voluntary sector organisations at a senior level and evidence of ability to work effectively in a multi-agency context.
* Ability to represent and promote the partnership
* Ability to travel around the area ( and potentially to other areas of the UK) in an agreed timely manner
* Hold a shared commitment to our Partnership Vision to end homelessness by ensuring everyone has a safe place they can call home