

**1. The impact of wider policy developments on the programme.**

1.1 Flexible Funding – there has been no firm direction from National Government around No Second Night Out or Housing First, there are concerns that when funding goes into one pot, local authorities will not have clear policies that will govern the distribution of funding.

1.2 There are concerns that the inclusion of Supporting People and Homelessness Prevention with predominantly non-housing-related grant streams will dilute focus on homelessness and homelessness prevention – which is a concern given recent increases in homelessness and rough sleeping.

**2. Monitoring and evaluation.**

2.1 Flexible Funding – given the potential diversity of the funding streams and service areas covered, how will success be measured?

**3. The distribution of Programme funding and financial planning.**

3.1 There are concerns that if the existing grant ring fencing is removed from 2019 / 20, local authorities may utilise the funding to subsidise other priority areas e.g. Social care and child protection. This will undermine the positive outcomes already achieved and risk regressing the programme.

3.2 Previous funding formula proposals have had an adverse effect on local authorities in North Wales, with all 6 authorities potentially losing significant amounts of funding. Rurality and language have never been recognised as issues that need to be acknowledged in any formula. However, these have a significant effect on the cost of service provision in North Wales.

3.3 How can the Regional Collaborative Committee develop regional services, if local authorities are making the best use of funding at a local level through flexible funding? i.e. anticipated that all allocated funding will be utilised locally and therefore no funding available for regional projects.