

### ***No young person should have to experience homelessness.***

*Being homeless means not having a safe place to call home.*

1. In common with many cities around the UK, we acknowledge that homelessness is a major challenge for Cambridge and within this, youth homelessness. Much of this is unseen and does not feature in any published data or statistics;
2. We support those efforts being made elsewhere to address some of the wider, often more visible problems associated with rough sleeping;
3. We recognise that there are a complex range of issues which can cause homelessness. These include: family breakdown; inadequate, poor or unaffordable housing options; substance misuse; mental health challenges; and, often, coming directly from the care system;
4. Together we represent some of the most influential businesses and landowners within our city and between us directly employ over 30,000 people, with countless more participating in our organisations indirectly through our supply networks;
5. No young person should have to experience homelessness. As a community we share the responsibility to address the challenges of housing affordability together with preparing our next generation for work;
6. Our organisations have benefited over the years from the prosperity that Cambridge and the surrounding area has generated and that we are therefore in a position to take action;
7. We recognise that we can achieve greater outcomes and impact through collaboration;
8. We are committing ourselves therefore to working together in conjunction with the charity sector and public sector authorities to identify and pursue lasting solutions to youth homelessness within our city, giving our young people the chance to build a strong and rewarding future.

***Signed***