

SWEP

SEVERE WEATHER EMERGENCY PROTOCOL



Extreme weather forecasts



Keep your eyes open for
people sleeping rough



Accommodation can be
provided



Contact the Housing Solutions
Team on 01732844522.
YOU CAN EVEN REFER YOURSELF

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MORE INFORMATION:

- As you are all aware, like all councils up and down the country, Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council has undertaken lots of work to bring in those who have rough slept in the district and we have moved many on to successful long term placements. There are several ongoing initiatives to try and prevent people from entering the streets, and if they do, then we are working with all of our partners to prevent them from remaining on the streets.
- Our Severe Weather Emergency protocol (SWEP) is designed to be a humanitarian response to severe weather to protect the health and wellbeing of anyone who might be sleeping outside. The aim of the protocol is to provide suitable accommodation for anyone who is sleeping rough during periods of severe weather, which may include extreme cold, heat, wind or rain. Despite our recent successes in accommodating many of our rough sleepers we will be activating SWEP, as an absolute safety net to prevent anyone from sleeping on the street when the weather is severe.
- Due to the extreme weather forecast, we will be offering services to anyone who is sleeping rough from **WEDNESDAY 07 DECEMBER 2022**. If you see anyone sleeping rough or are working with anyone who is homeless, please make contact with the Housing Solutions team on 01732 844522 for advice and assistance. If assistance is required outside of office hours there is an out of hours homelessness service available by calling 01732 844522. Those who are rough sleeping can also refer themselves in by calling the same numbers.
- The weather will be monitored daily and an email will be sent out by mid-day to notify you when the SWEP period ends, this is not likely to be before Monday 12 December 2022.
- If you have any questions or concerns for anyone who is sleeping rough or you are aware of any services who would benefit from receiving this email please contact the **Housing Solutions Team** on **01732 844522** or by emailing **housing.services@tmbc.gov.uk**