



# Committee of the Whole

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Council Initiated:

☐ Yes

☒ No

**ECAF:** 2025-3410

**Motion:** 25-505

**Type:**

☐ Contract

☐ Board Appt.

☐ Code Amendment

☐ Budget Action

☒ Other

**Requested Handling:**

☐ Normal

☒ Expedite – Dec 1

☐ Urgent

**Fund Source:**

☐ General Fund

☐ Other

☒ N/A

**Executive Rec:**

☒ Approve

☐ Do Not Approve

☐ N/A

**Approved as to**

**Form:**

☐ Yes

☐ No

☒ N/A

**Subject:** 2025-2030 Homeless Prevention and Response System Strategic Plan

**Scope:** Approve the 2025-2030 Homeless Prevention and Response System Strategic Plan.

Goals of the plan include:

1. Promote an equitable, accountable, and transparent homeless crisis response system
2. Prioritize assistance based on the greatest barriers to housing stability and greatest risk of harm
3. Seek to house everyone in a stable setting that meets their needs
4. Prevent episodes of homelessness whenever possible
5. Strengthen the homeless service provider workforce and provide support on evidence based best practices
6. Utilize a cross-system approach

**Duration:** 2025-2030

**Fiscal Impact:** ☐ Current Year ☐ Multi-Year ☒ N/A

**Authority Granted:** n/a

**Background:** [RCW 43.185C.160](#) requires each County to create a homeless housing task force and develop a homeless housing plan to address short and long-term housing for the homeless population. In 2018 the legislature passed [SSHB 1570](#) which amended this statute. The bill shortened the time span of the plan from a ten-year plan to a five-year plan and revised guidelines for the plan. The County's most recent plan, which was the first adopted under these new changes, was approved by Council on October 21, 2019 through [Motion 19-343](#).

The Partnership to End Homelessness (PHE) is the County's task force that meets the requirement of [RCW 43.185C.160](#). On September 8, 2025 PHE approved the proposed plan for recommendation to Council. The required 30 day public comment period closed on November 8<sup>th</sup> and no comments were received.

The plan is due back to the state by December 1, 2025, which is the reason for the expedited request.

**Requested Action:** For Council to consider taking action.