

Autumn Budget Campaign Pack

Campaigning for a homelessness
funding system that works

The Autumn Budget and Spending Review

The funding cliff edge

The Government provide significant funding to the homelessness and rough sleeping sector through an array of grant funds as laid out in the Ending Rough Sleeping for Good strategy (2022). These funds, allocated by central government and often commissioned out at local authority level, are one of the main sources of income for support services and accommodation providers.

However, the vast majority of funding commitments made to relieve single homelessness are set to expire by April 2025, representing almost £1bn that is due to leave the market between now and April.

This precarity takes place at a time of increasing need, with bed spaces decreasing, all forms of homelessness rising, and the risk of increased flow onto the street caused by early prisoner release and rapid asylum processing.

The Government's budget timeline

On October 30th, the Chancellor Rachel Reeves will deliver the Autumn Budget. Within it, she will announce the finalised departmental budgets for this financial year and 2025/26 only. **The deadline for organisations to submit budget and spending review submissions is on September 10th.**

This will then be followed by a multi-year Spending Review in Spring 2025. Through this, Reeves will set out the Government's spending plans up until 2028/29.

Our asks

1. To provide assurance to service providers and prevent the homelessness system from collapsing, at the upcoming Autumn Budget we will be calling for a **one-year rollover of existing homelessness funding into 2025/26, including additional funding to enable inflationary uplifts to local authority commissioned contracts for homelessness services and accommodation projects.**
2. As part of the multi-year Spending Review, we will be **calling for a systematic review of all homelessness-related spending across government informing a commitment to developing and delivering a consolidated, ring-fenced homelessness funding system from 2026/27 onwards.** This system should be based on our [key principles for a homelessness funding system](#).

Member actions

Our asks will only be successful if the homelessness sector comes together and makes itself heard. Therefore, we are keen for our member organisations to support with three different activities.

1. Send a submission to the Treasury

The Treasury is accepting written submissions ahead of the Autumn Budget with the aim of commenting on government policy and suggesting new policy ideas to be considered in the upcoming Budget. Submissions are read by The Chancellor's team and help inform spending decisions. **The deadline to send a submission is 23:59 on Tuesday 10th September.**

Given the tight deadline, Homeless Link has produced a template submission which its members can use. The template outlines the funding cliff edge the homelessness sector faces and why it is imperative the Chancellor announces a one year roll over of homelessness funding, before launching a review of all homelessness funding. It also leaves space for organisations to add in their own data. **Send it before the deadline via [this online form](#) on the Treasury's website.**

- [Template Treasury Submission \(downloads Word Document\)](#)

2. Write to your local MP(s)

Pressure in Parliament is often key to achieving policy change. Therefore, during September, **we want as many of our members as possible to write to their local MP(s)** outlining why it is vital the Government announces a one year roll-over of homelessness funding in the Autumn Budget and urging the MP to write to the Chancellor on this issue and/or ask a Parliamentary Question on the subject. Use our template letter, sending our MP briefing alongside it.

- [Template MP Letter \(downloads Word Document\)](#)
- [MP Briefing](#)
- [How to contact your MP advice sheet](#)

Once you have written to your MP, please [add them to this shared Google Sheet](#) so we can keep a track of activity.

3. Raise the alarm of the cliff edge in the media

Often Governments are swayed by public and media pressure. Therefore, **we are asking our members to secure local media coverage in the areas where they work** to help build pressure as we get closer to the budget using our template press release.

- [Template press release \(downloads Word Document\)](#)

What We Do

Homeless Link is the national membership charity for frontline homelessness services. We work to improve services through research, guidance and learning, and campaign for policy change that will ensure everyone has a place to call home and the support they need to keep it.

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