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Mayor Holder and Councillors,

As a resident of London, I have for many years been most troubled about the growing number of homeless folk I have observed in my city. While there are many contributing factors, there are several things that the municipality could do in the near future to alleviate the desperate situation people find themselves in.

Because homelessness has ramifications for so many other services, such as policing, health care services, Emergency Room services (all of which are already stretched to the limit), I believe that addressing housing and homelessness should be a priority for the City of London in this budget cycle.

Therefore, three key investments which should get funding are:

- 1) "Additional funding for affordable housing - Part B"
- 2) London Middlesex Community Housing regeneration
- 3) London Middlesex Community Housing staffing and security

The first two items allow for the creation of more affordable housing stock, the third item allows for supporting people already in social housing to remain housed. I believe that these are key investments and must be added into the budget.

Thank-you,  
Arla Longhurst