

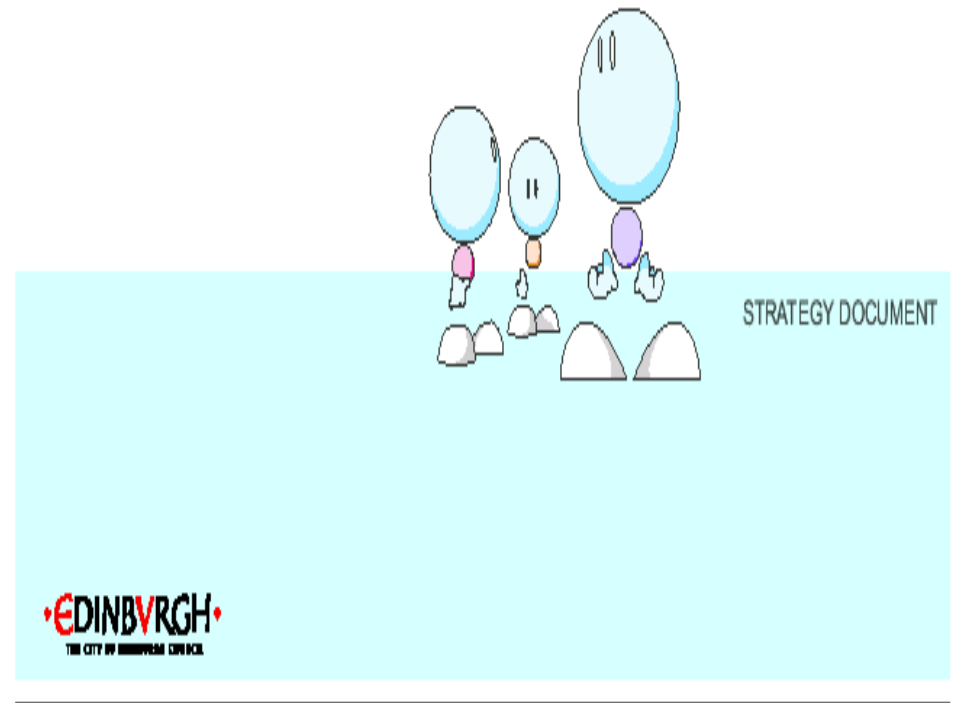
**Practitioner led change is worth
nothing without senior
management and political support -
how can you get the influencers on
side?**

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Changing Homelessness in Practice
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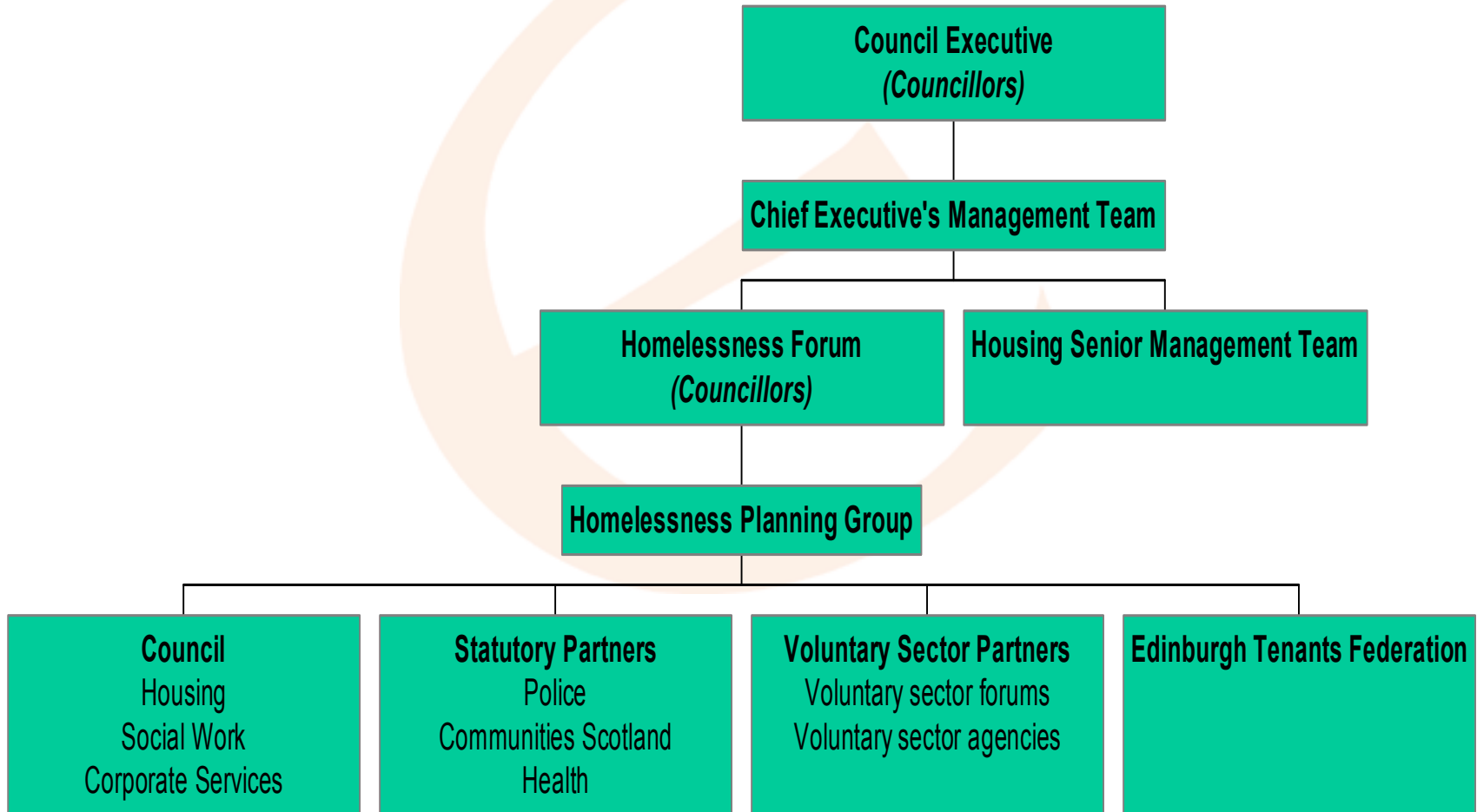
Development of the Homelessness Strategy for Edinburgh

- Launched in November 2002
- Assessment of homelessness
- Consultation
- Housing department led



Homelessness Strategy for Edinburgh 2002 : 2007

Homelessness Strategy - Planning Framework



Senior Management Support?

Steps taken to secure support:

- Invited to contribute to development and consultation on strategy
- Actions agreed with departments/ agencies where these involved resource commitment
- Strategy agreed & endorsed by CEC senior management team
- Regular reports to Housing Senior Management Team

Senior Management Support?

Feedback from Scottish Executive:

–CEC Response

- **Stronger evidence of corporate ownership and commitment**
 - Chief Executive's Management Team reaffirmed corporate commitment
- **Strengthened/ more explicit role for wider range of departments**
 - Invited Education Department to Homelessness Planning Group
 - Other departments to be involved as appropriate

Political Support?

Steps taken to secure support:

- Invited to contribute to development and consultation on strategy
- Councillor led Homelessness Forum, considers recommendations from Homelessness Planning Group
- Council Executive approved final strategy

Political Support?

Feedback from Scottish Executive:

–CEC Response

- **Stronger evidence of engagement of elected members**
 - Involvement to date
- **Provide briefings to elected members to improve local engagement**
 - Recognise more can be done and will work to address this