

BOROUGH COUNCIL OF KING'S LYNN & WEST NORFOLK

HOMELESSNESS & HOUSING DELIVERY TASK GROUP

Minutes from the Meeting of the Homelessness & Housing Delivery Task Group held on Wednesday, 5th February, 2025 at 3.30 pm in the Meeting Room 1-3 - First Floor, King's Court, Chapel Street, King's Lynn PE30 1EX

PRESENT: Councillor S Sandell (Chair)
Councillors A Bubb, S Collop and A Kemp

OFFICERS PRESENT:

Andy King- Senior Housing Manager
Nikki Patton- Housing Services Manager

12 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillor Linter and Spikings.

13 **NOTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

The notes from the previous meeting held on 9th July 2024 were agreed as a correct record.

14 **MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising.

15 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

16 **URGENT BUSINESS**

There was no urgent business.

17 **MEMBERS ATTENDING UNDER STANDING ORDER 34**

There were no members present under Standing Order 34

18 **CHAIR'S CORRESPONDENCE**

There was none.

19 **HOMELESSNESS & ROUGH SLEEPING STRATEGY LAUNCH UPDATE**

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The Senior Housing Manager provided an update on the launch of the strategy.

There were no questions from the Task Group.

20 **NEWLY COMMISSIONED SERVICES**

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The Senior Housing Manager presented the newly commissioned services to the Task Group.

The Chair thanked the Senior Housing Manager for the update. There were no questions from the Task Group.

21 **CURRENT DATA**

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The Senior Housing Manager presented the current data to the Task Group.

The Chair invited questions and comments from the Task Group, a summary which is set out below.

Councillor Bubb referred to 174 homeless applications taken in Quarter 3 and sought clarification on any applications which had been removed from the list as housing was found.

The Senior Housing Manager explained to the Task Group, a person may contact the housing department informally and not apply. He added approximately 20% of applications are withdrawn as homelessness may have been resolved independently. He highlighted this would be dependent on circumstances and likelihood of success.

In response to Councillor Kemp's question, the Senior Housing Manager confirmed that the Housing First service provided an intensive level of support and explained once tenants moved out of Housing First accommodation, support continues, and the service provided open ended in line with the need.

22 **LOCAL AUTHORITY HOUSING FUND (LAHF) UPDATE**

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The Housing Services Manager gave an update on the Local Authority Housing Fund (LAHF) 1, 2 and 3.

The Chair thanked the Housing Services Manager and there were no questions from the Task Group.

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was to be scheduled in due course.

The meeting closed at 3.48 pm