

CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL

14 OCTOBER 2021

COUNCILLOR SAM SANDELL - CABINET MEMBER FOR PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES

For the period 9 September to 1st October 2021

1 Progress on Portfolio Matters.

Figures as follows

For Homechoice

1124 live applications on register

2 Emergency

132 High

337 medium

653 low

203 new applications/ changes of circumstances received

31 lets - may be lower as some not provided by partner landlords until 1st week of October

For Housing options

118 applicants given general advice

73 of these have also made a formal homeless declaration for investigation

HOMELESS UPDATE

As of the 1st October we currently have no rough sleepers this has been consistent for several weeks. This is due to the Everyone in Scheme and the hardwork from our Officers and the dedication from the support teams.

We are still using the 8 cabins. These are an emergency winter provision.

The Night Shelter will be opening from the 5th October with 9 beds. This will be opening until June next year. This is going to be open day and night so its not really a shelter its going to be more of a hostel provision. The Shelter does help people come out of the woodwork.

Portfolio Report Data 2021/22 YTD – Care & Repair

<u>District Direct (Hospital Discharge) - April - Sept</u>	Total YTD
Number of Referrals from the QEH	81
Bed Days Saved	324
<u>QEH Orthopedic Falls Initiative - April - Sept</u>	
Total Letter drop – over 70's awaiting Hip & Knee surgery	206
HPS take up	10
<u>Handyperson Preventions Service - April – Sept minor adapts</u>	
All jobs-More than one job included incl Dementia	440
No. of clients helped	396
<u>IHAT/Disabled Facility Grant Enquiries - April – July major adapts</u>	
New Enquiries	322
Telephone Triages	251
Occupational Therapy Assessments	134
Technical Schedules Completed	115
Grant Approvals	90
Completed Works	89

Demand, Resource & Procurement

Current Waiting list for DFG Assessments = 305, this is the highest waiting list for many years and has come about since the start of the pandemic in March 2020 – before Covid we were processing all new enquiries within a 1-5week timescale

We prioritise a case as it is telephone triaged to ensure that Priority 1 (Urgent cases such as terminal or no access to toileting) are identified and do not have to wait. Other cases are prioritised as either P2 (where there is a risk of carer breakdown or a risk within the property) or P3 (where someone is managing and has access to essential facilities but requires an assessment for a level access shower)

I have requested additional resources from the COMF funding which will help to bring this waiting list down.

Currently we are on target to commit and spend the £2.5 million DFG capital budget for 21/22.

2 Meetings Attended and Meetings Scheduled

Cabinet Sifting

Cabinet Briefings

Cabinet

Cabinet Away Day

Meeting with CSNN Mark Whitmore

Planning Committee

A Presentation By James Bagge on the Queens Voluntary Services Town Hall

Meeting with Jo Stanton Revenues Officer

Meeting with Nikki Patton and Duncan Hall

Visited the Careline and Ask LILY Office met the Team