

Homelessness and Housing Delivery Task Group 13 January 2025



Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy

Update:

- **Formally adopted** at Council 31 October
- **Launched** at partnership event 29 November

Next steps:

- **Homelessness Strategy Implementation Partnership**
 - Launch in February – key partners
- **Strategy sub-groups**
 - Focused on key strategy strands
 - Nearly 200 expressions of interest in different strands



New and re-commissioned services

Service	Target group	Links to strategy
Intensive Support Service	Single people (or couples) who have already experienced homelessness and may struggle to find/sustain permanent accommodation	2.3 (review offer to people sleeping rough) 2.8 (“by name” meeting / partnership to resolve the homelessness of those who are furthest away from having their housing needs met) 2.9 (recommission Intensive Support Service)
Early intervention and prevention service	Households with low/medium needs, including families, childless couples and single people	1.7 (home visiting function aimed at preventing family evictions) 1.9/10 (use of shared sites / rural locations to prevent homelessness) 1.11 (specific remit for families)
Housing First service	Single people with multiple barriers to sustaining accommodation. May have history of rough sleeping / failed accommodation stays	3.3 (Recommission the Housing First model) <i>Links to much of section 4 including health, mentoring, skills and cultural facilities</i>

- All services are going through the final stages of a tendering exercise with preferred bidders notified.
- Services to mobilise from April 2025.
- Funding from ringfenced government grants.

Current Data – Housing Needs Service

Current numbers in temporary accommodation

Snapshot at end of the quarter

Number of households in accommodation of Q3 2024/25

83

Compared to Q2 2024/25



12

Compared to Q3 2023/24



8

Of these: 46 in nightly paid (44 single people, one family, one pregnant person)

Number of Homeless applications

Number of Homeless applications taken in Q3 2024/25

174

Compared to Q2 2024/25



-29.55%

Compared to Q3 2023/24



-3.33%

This reduction in applications is consistent with the Christmas shutdown



Current Data – Housing Needs Service

Number of properties advertised		
Properties advertised Q3 2024/25	Compared to Q2 2024/25	Compared to Q3 2023/24
239	 31	 175

Number of people eligible for social housing

1339

Number of people verified sleeping rough as of 10/01/2024

0

Number of people verified sleeping rough across December 2025

5

NB – low number due to current cold weather. Typically, 0-4 verified on a single night over last three months



Local Authority Housing Fund

Update:

- **LAHF 1** – 16 of 16 units complete
- **LAHF 2** – 11 of 13 units complete
- **LAHF 3** – 12 units to be delivered 2025/26

