

CABINET MEMBERS REPORT TO COUNCIL

28 November 2019

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For the period 18 October to 18 November 2019

Progress on Portfolio Matters.

Home Choice

Figures for October as follows

There were 1083 live applications

1 Emergency
146 High
315 Medium
621 Low

177 new applications/change of circumstances

43 lets

Rough Sleeping

The Winter Night Shelter opened its doors this month, and became almost full in a short period of time. The number of rough sleeper encampments around the town has reduced as people have taken themselves to the Night Shelter. In order to plan for the worst, we are working with housing partner Genesis to provide an additional 3-4 emergency bed spaces (in addition to the current 7) in expectation that there will be no capacity at the Night Shelter.

Just a reminder that if anyone has concerns about someone rough sleeping, or has found someone rough sleeping please report this via streetlink.org.uk - this is a national service - following a report the Council will receive a notification, arrangements will then be made for a visit where appropriate from the rough sleeper outreach team.

Homelessness Strategy Consultation

Following a presentation of the new draft Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy to the Environment and Community Panel last month a consultation event with stakeholders is being planned for 11 December. It will be a

valuable opportunity to both share our future plans, as well as understanding what partner organisations are doing and how they can support us.

Meetings Attended

Cabinet
Meetings with officers
Parkway Site visit