

Environment and Community Panel 6 July 2016 Appendix 2 – Homelessness activity and trends

Table 1 This table outlines the Homelessness applications that have proceeded to a formal decision stage in the last 6 years – definitions can be found at the end of this Appendix. This table does not include enquiries, advice and homelessness preventions undertaken by the Housing Options Team where the case did not continue to a completed decision. In many cases, homelessness can be prevented through advice or other solutions offered by Housing Options Teams

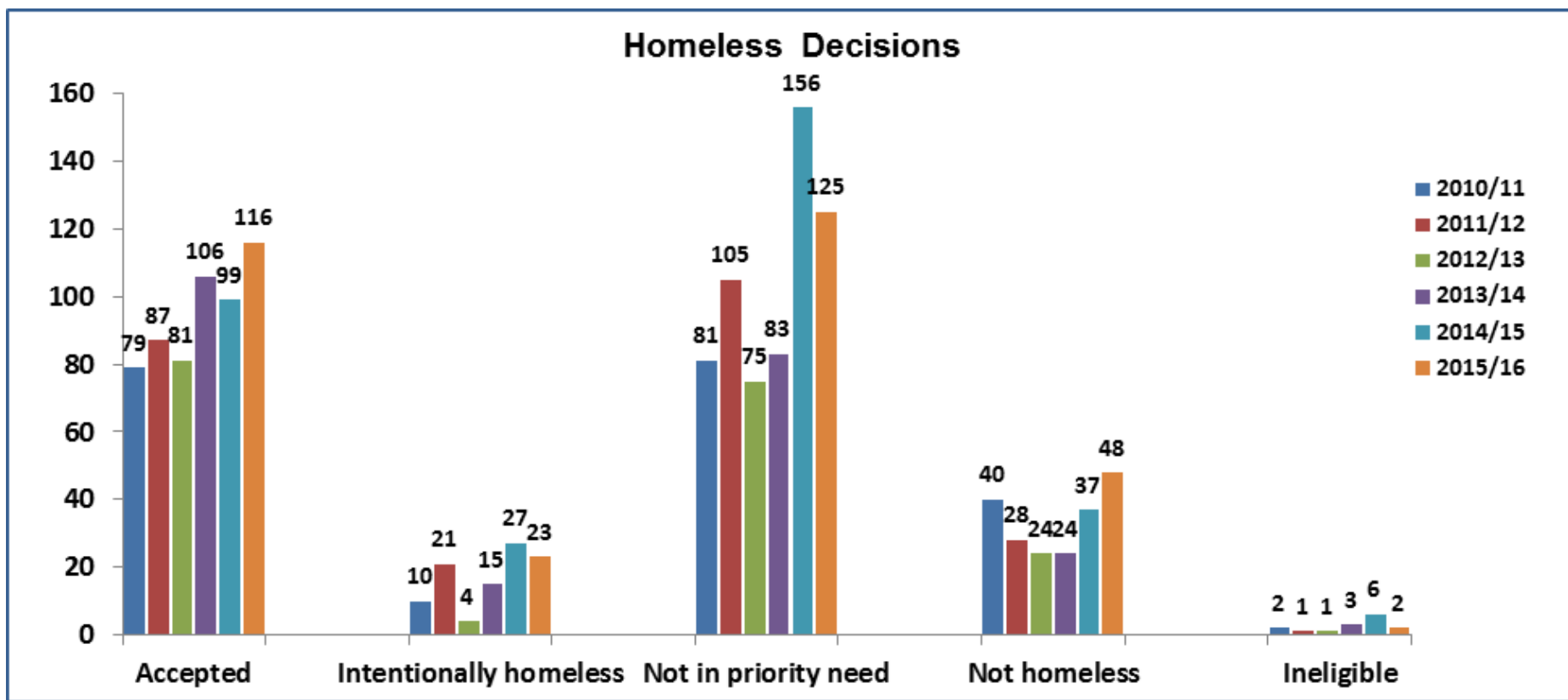


Table 2

This table focusses on those households who have been assessed and the Council has 'accepted' a full housing duty which means we have to secure accommodation for the household

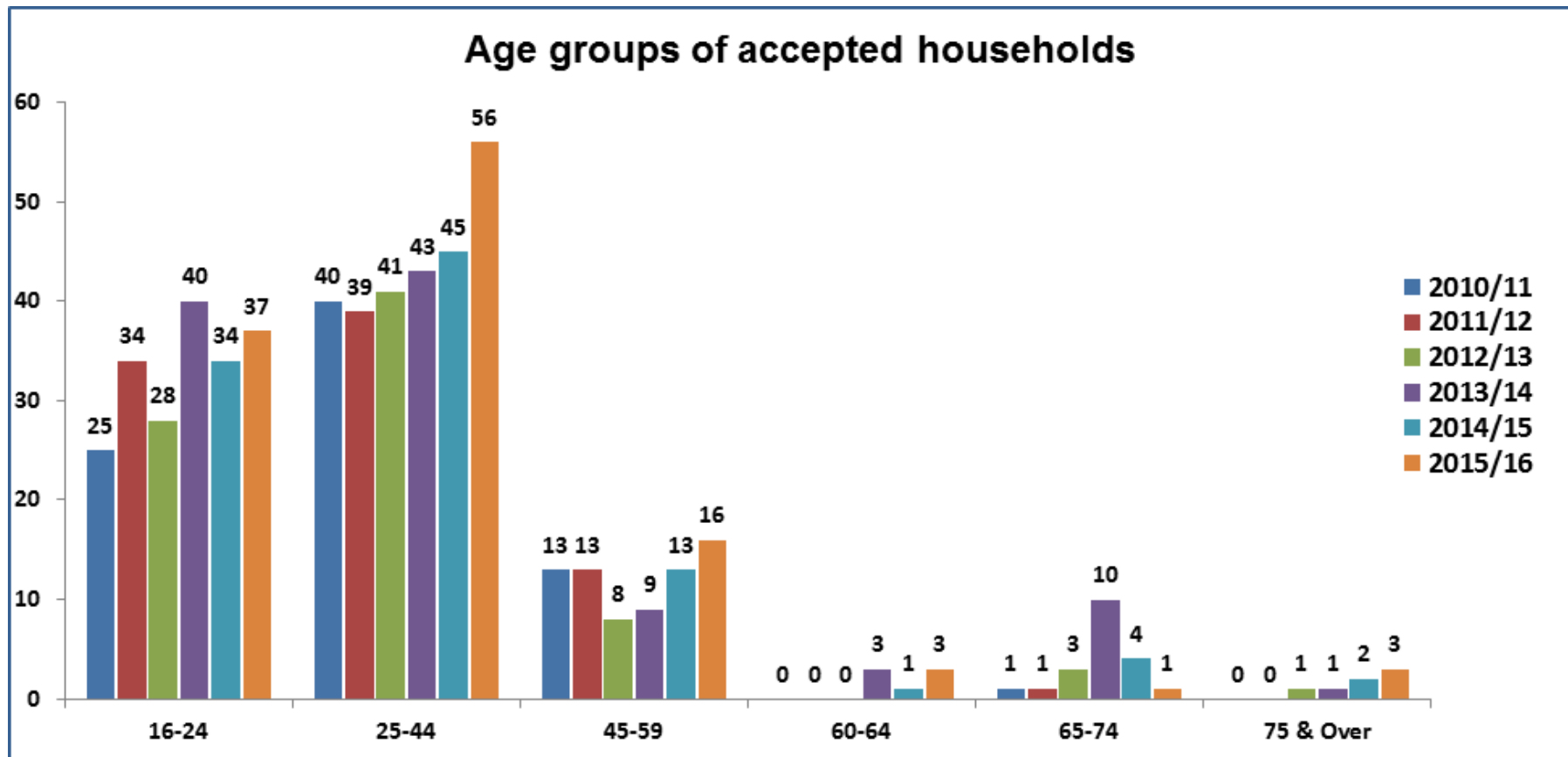


Table 3 – causes of Homelessness (acceptances)

This table looks as the causes of the homelessness for those households for whom we owe a full duty to secure accommodation over the last 6 years

King's Lynn and West Norfolk	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16
Parents no longer able or willing to accommodate	9%	10%	9%	13%	12%	13%
Other relatives or friends no longer able or willing to accommodate	11%	13%	16%	16%	8%	11%
Non-violent relationship end	11%	9%	19%	13%	21%	15%
Violent relationship end	16%	16%	20%	7%	4%	22%
Racial / other violence / harassment	1%	7%	1%	1%		5%
Rent / mortgage arrears	9%	13%	9%	5%	9%	7%
Loss of private rented accom (Term of AST / Reasons other than term of AST)	33%	14%	23%	22%	19%	18%
Left institution or LA care	0%	8%	0%	8%	5%	0%
Other reasons*	9%	10%	4%	16%	4%	9%

Definitions

Acceptances: households found to be eligible for assistance, unintentionally homeless and falling within a priority need group (as defined by homelessness legislation) are referred to as statutory “acceptances”. These households are consequently owed a main homelessness duty by a local housing authority. The main duty is to secure settled accommodation.

Decisions: refers to decisions taken of households that apply for assistance under the Housing and Homelessness Acts.

Priority need groups: include households with dependent children or a pregnant woman and people who are vulnerable in some way e.g. because of mental illness or physical disability. The priority need categories were extended by Order in January 2002 to include, additionally: applicants aged 16 or 17; applicants aged 18 to 20 who were previously in care; applicants vulnerable as a result of time spent in care, in custody, or in HM Forces, and applicants vulnerable as a result of having to flee their home because of violence or the threat of violence (in addition to domestic violence, which is one of the original priority need groups)

Intentionally homeless Where investigation has shown that someone has done or failed to do something which has caused their homelessness e.g. failed to pay rent or mortgage when they could have done or moved out of a property when they could have stayed there