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Summary

This report advises the Committee on the numbers of people presenting as homeless from 1 April 2005 to 31 March 2006. It details the reasons for their homelessness, their status and the number of homeless applications that have been accepted or rejected.

Recommendations

That the Committee notes the Homelessness figures for the period 1 April 2005 to 31 March 2006.

Background Papers

The following papers were referred to by the author in the preparation of this report and are available for inspection from the author of the report.

- Homeless files and data 2005/2006

Impact

Communication/Consultation	Figures can be used by officers for the possible preparing of further reports to Committee on the future provision of homelessness accommodation within the District
Community Safety	None
Equalities	None
Finance	Future homelessness budget requirements
Human Rights	None
Legal Implications	Statutory Duties
Ward-specific impacts	All
Workforce/Workplace	None

Situation

1. This report has been presented to members to inform and update them on the current position and trends of homelessness within the District.
2. It needs to be considered because of the continuing need to develop future strategies for providing suitable accommodation for homeless applicants.

Targets

3. To prevent homelessness where possible but where this is unachievable to reduce the use of bed and breakfast accommodation and provide suitable temporary or permanent housing solutions to homeless clients.

Options

4. These figures can be used in conjunction with other data when considering the future options on the provision of homelessness accommodation within the District.

**HOMELESS CASES PRESENTING TO THE COUNCIL IN CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR
 PERIOD COVERED IN THIS REPORT 01.04.05 – 31.03.06**

REASON FOR HOMELESSNESS	TOTAL PRESENT-ING AS HOMELESS	% OF TOTAL (APPROX)	REHOUSED OFF HOUSING REGISTER OR OTHER PERMANENT HOUSING	MADE OWN ARRANGE-MENTS/ REJECTED/ ADVICE/ ONLY/ IN & OUT/ PREVENTION	HOUSED INTO TEMP TENANCY *	CASES IN B/B As at 31.03.06
1 Parents no longer able/willing to accommodate	6	8%		3	3	
2 Other relatives/friends no longer able/willing to accommodate	9	12%	1	3	4	1
3 Partnership breakdown/violent	9	12%	3	4	2	
4 Partnership breakdown/non-violent	11	14%	1	4	5	1
5 Fleeing violence	1	2%		1		
6 16/17 year olds	11	14%	5	5	1	
7 18/20 year olds formally in care						
8 Racial/Homophobic						
9 Mortgage foreclosure	2	3%		1	1	
10 Termination of shorthold tenancies, other loss of private accommodation	12	15%	3	3	6	
11 Termination of shorthold tenancies, other loss of private accommodation, because of Arrears.	2	3%			2	
12 H M Forces						
13 Asylum Seekers						
14 Health						
15 Mental Health	3	4%	2	1		

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16 Drug/Alcohol	1	1%	1			
17 Having been in care						
18 On remand or been in custody	1	1%		1		
19 Other	9	12%	3	2	4	
TOTALS	77	100%	19	28	28	2

* Includes cases rehoused into bungalows (for elderly) and Temporary Housing Association Accommodation. A number of these cases previously spent time in bed and breakfast accommodation.

Report

77 cases have presented as homeless to Uttlesford since 01.04.05: -
 Of these:-

- 0 were elderly
- 28 were single parents
- 8 were a family
- 41 were single
- 0 were a couple

6 case were rejected as being not in priority need, 5 cases were found to be not homeless, 9 cases withdrew their applications and 5 cases were found to be intentionally homeless, making a total of 25 cases rejected of these:-

- 0 were elderly
- 4 were single parents
- 2 were a family
- 19 were single
- 0 were a couple

The total number of cases accepted as homeless since 01.04.05 = 48
 of these:-

- 0 were elderly
- 18 were single parents
- 7 was a family
- 23 were single
- 0 were a couple

There are 4 cases where a decision is still pending.

Total 2004 - 05 = 76 (accepted as homeless 33)
Total 2003 - 04 = 121 (accepted as homeless 62)
Total 2002 - 03 = 112 (accepted as homeless 62)

Cases in temporary accommodation other than bed and breakfast as at 31.3.06 = 24

There have been 0 referrals from another local authority and 2 referrals to other local authorities.