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**Agenda Item**

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## Summary

1. This report advises the Committee on the numbers of people presenting as homeless from 1 April 2006 to 30 September 2006. It details the reasons for their homelessness, their status and the number of homeless applications that have been accepted or rejected.

## Recommendations

2. That the Committee notes the Homelessness figures for the period 1 April 2000 to 30 April 2006.

## Background Papers

3. 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 2006

## Impact

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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**

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

## **Targets**

7. 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**

8. 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 01.04.06 – 30.09.06**

REASON FOR HOMELESSNESS	TOTAL PRESENTING AS HOMELESS	% OF TOTAL (APPROX)	REHOUSED OFF HOUSING REGISTER OR OTHER PERMANENT HOUSING	MADE OWN ARRANGEMENTS/ REJECTED/ ADVICE/ ONLY/ IN & OUT/ PREVENTION	HOUSED INTO TEMP TENANCY *	CASES IN B/B As at 30.09.06
1 Parents no longer able/willing to accommodate	1	2%			1	
2 Other relatives/friends no longer able/willing to accommodate	9	21%	2	3	4	
3 Partnership breakdown/violent	3	7%		1		2
4 Partnership breakdown/non-violent						
5 Fleeing violence						
6 16/17 year olds	2	4%		1		1
7 18/20 year olds formally in care						
8 Racial/Homophobic						
9 Mortgage foreclosure						
10 Termination of shorthold tenancies, other loss of private accommodation	2	4%		1	1	
11 Termination of shorthold tenancies, other loss of private accommodation, because of Arrears.	1	2%		1		
12 H M Forces						
13 Asylum Seekers						
14 Health						
15 Mental Health						
16 Drug/Alcohol						
17 Having been in care						

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18 On remand or been in custody						
19 Other	27	60%	1	2	24	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>3</b>

\* 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

45 cases have presented as homeless to Uttlesford since 01.04.06: -  
Of these:-

- 1 were elderly
- 11 were single parents
- 4 were a family
- 6 were single
- 0 were a couple
- 23 Lebanese evacuees

1 case were rejected as being not in priority need, 3 cases were found to be not homeless, 3 cases withdrew their applications, 1 cases were found to be intentionally homeless and 2 was found to be ineligible for assistance, making a total of 10 cases rejected of these:-

- 1 were elderly
- 5 were single parents
- 1 were a family
- 3 were single
- 0 were a couple

The total number of cases accepted as homeless since 01.04.06 = 31  
of these:-

- 0 were elderly
- 6 were single parents
- 0 was a family
- 2 were single
- 0 were a couple
- 22 Lebanese evacuees

There are 4 cases where a decision is still pending.

Total 2005 - 06 = 77 (accepted as homeless 52)  
Total 2004 - 05 = 76 (accepted as homeless 33)  
Total 2003 - 04 = 121 (accepted as homeless 62)

Cases in temporary accommodation other than bed and breakfast as at 30.09.06 = 41

There have been 0 referrals from another local authority and 4 referrals to other local authorities.