

Committee: Housing Board

Agenda Item

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Title: Homelessness Update

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information.

Summary

1. This report is to brief members on the homelessness figures for 2012/13.

Recommendations

2. That the Housing Board notes this report

Financial Implications

3. None

Background Papers

4. Housing Performance Indicator Report 2012/13

Impact

- 5.

Communication/Consultation	N/A
Community Safety	N/A
Equalities	N/A
Health and Safety	N/A
Human Rights/Legal Implications	N/A
Sustainability	N/A
Ward-specific impacts	N/A
Workforce/Workplace	N/A

Situation

	2011/2012	2012/2013
Homelessness Presentations	59	74
Homelessness Acceptances	30	42
Homelessness Preventions	155	125
Customers receiving in-depth housing advice	Figures not collected as HPA module only implemented 1/4/2013	406
Numbers in Temporary Accommodation	11	22

- 6. The above table gives the homelessness statistics for 2012/13 compared to 2011/12.
- 7. As can be seen the levels of homelessness last year increased considerably over the previous 12 months.
- 8. The effects of the current economic climate have put individuals and families under increasing pressures, that in some instances have led to homelessness.
- 9. The numbers currently accommodated in temporary accommodation is double that of a year ago. This is why it is important that we are replacing the existing temporary accommodation at Mead Court when the site is re-developed. We are also converting another property at Molehill Green into 2 units of temporary accommodation.
- 10. There has been an increased usage of bed and breakfast over the past year. Although we try to keep the use of B and B to the absolute minimum, the increase in numbers has meant that we have not been able to get a sufficient flow through our other temporary accommodation to be able to avoid this.
- 11. The housing options team have seen a total of 406 in-depth housing advice clients, this figure does not include clients who come in for more generic advice.

12. Although the team have continued to prevent homelessness it is becoming harder, with families more reluctant to keep adult children at home and with many private landlords unwilling to consider applicants on benefits.

13. The picture for the coming year is that the situation is likely to remain difficult with the further welfare reform changes and lack of affordable properties within the private rented sector.

Risk Analysis

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Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Mitigating actions
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1 = Little or no risk or impact

2 = Some risk or impact – action may be necessary.

3 = Significant risk or impact – action required

4 = Near certainty of risk occurring, catastrophic effect or failure of project.