

# RAPID REHOUSING TRANSITION PLAN

Monitoring Report- funding and activity  
(RRTP funding - part of the Ending  
Homelessness Together Fund)



# **Scottish Government Ending Homelessness Fund Monitoring of Implementation of Rapid Rehousing Transition Plans**

As part of the Scottish Government's Ending Homelessness Together Fund, funding was agreed with COSLA for 2019/20 and provided to all local authorities to support the implementation of Rapid Rehousing Transition Plans (RRTPs). We are now asking all local authorities to provide a written report on how they have spent their allocation of funding and progress to date.

We would ask that all local authorities complete this report and include it with their amended RRTP for 2020/21, which should be submitted to the Scottish Government by **30 June 2020**. We realise this may be subject to final accounts being cleared by Audit.

Included is a template to provide detail on specific activities which should be replicated for each activity you have taken forward in implementing your Rapid Rehousing Transition Plan. For example we are looking for information on specific activities such as recruiting new members of staff; shared tenancies; Housing First; or mediation.

We have also included a template for reporting on RRTP funding which has not been spent during 2019/20 and how local authorities plan to spend it during 2020/21.

Please submit this report, RRTP and any accompanying documents to:

[RapidRehousingTransitionPlansMailbox@gov.scot](mailto:RapidRehousingTransitionPlansMailbox@gov.scot)

If there are any questions then please send them to the mailbox and a member of the team will contact you to discuss.

**Local Engagement and Rapid Rehousing Team**

## Details of funding recipient

Local Authority	<b>Angus Council</b>	
Reporting Period	1/4/2019	to 31/3/2020
Reporting Officer	Lynsey Dey	
Position	Team Leader (Sustainable Communities)	
Date Completed		
RRTP Funding Received for 2019/20	£172,000	

## 2019/20 Activity

<b>Activity Name:</b>	<b>Housing First</b>			
<b>Activity Description:</b>  Provide a short overview of the aims and the transformative nature of this activity.	The number of homeless households with severe and multiple disadvantages (SMD) or complex support needs who would benefit from a Housing First approach to rehousing in Angus is expected to be around 15 per annum. Introducing this model of intensive support in Angus will ensure households with complex needs can access personalised, open-ended, flexible support to end their experience of repeat homelessness and address their wider needs. It was anticipated that each Housing First tenancy would require funding of £10,000 per annum.			
<b>Allocation Spent on activity:</b>		<b>SG RRTP funding</b>	<b>Local Authority funding</b>	<b>Other</b>
	<b>£</b>	0	0	0
<b>Overview of progress made to date:</b>  Provide a short summary of the work undertaken in the past year, progress made and challenges.	<p>A paper was considered at the Housing, Health &amp; Social Care Strategic Planning Group meeting in August 2019 setting out various options for delivering Housing First in Angus and it was agreed that a full options appraisal was required to identify the preferred method for delivering housing first support in Angus.</p> <p>A project team involving key stakeholders from housing, mental health, substance, justice and homeless support services has been established and stakeholders agreed to put forward 2 options for a full appraisal:</p> <p>Option 1:- Deliver Housing First support in house by expanding the existing homeless support service</p>			

	<p>Option 2:- Deliver Housing First support by procuring a third party support provider to lead on the delivery of support in partnership with existing services</p> <p>A number of opportunities and risks were identified against both options however it was agreed that without a detailed tender submission, there were too many unknowns to fully and objectively evaluate both options. The group agreed to tender for an external support provider and invited a tender submission from the homeless support service so this could be evaluated alongside any 3rd party submissions.</p> <p>As a result of internal resource constraints within our procurement team, the tender did not go live until January 2020. Despite a prior information notice being published and contact made with several support providers, we received no tender submissions and it was agreed Housing First support would be provided in house by recruiting 2 additional support workers.</p> <p>Job outlines for the posts have been developed and we received confirmation in April 2020 that we can proceed with the recruitment of these posts. Operational guidance and training requirements have also been agreed and it is anticipated we will be able to implement Housing First in Angus in July 2020.</p>							
<p>Future spend planned on this activity in 2020/21:</p>	<p>£</p>	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="662 1783 936 1839">SG RRTP Funding</th> <th data-bbox="936 1783 1209 1839">Local Authority funding</th> <th data-bbox="1209 1783 1479 1839">Other</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="662 1839 936 2022" style="text-align: center;">96,200</td> <td data-bbox="936 1839 1209 2022"></td> <td data-bbox="1209 1839 1479 2022">           Decoration costs to be met by participating landlords         </td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	SG RRTP Funding	Local Authority funding	Other	96,200		Decoration costs to be met by participating landlords
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<p>Implementation in 2020/21:</p>								

<p>Provide a short summary of the aims and targets for this activity during 2020/21.</p>	<p>The following activities are planned for the implementation of Housing First in 2020/21:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff &amp; stakeholder engagement</li> <li>• Training for practitioners and managers</li> <li>• Set up monitoring framework</li> <li>• Establish housing first panel</li> <li>• Identify suitable individuals and source accommodation (15)</li> </ul>
<p>Plans for mainstreaming this activity:</p> <p>Provide detail of the timescale and plans to mainstream / when this activity will end:</p>	<p>It is envisaged that Housing First will be mainstreamed in Years 5 of the Rapid Rehousing Transition Plan however this is dependent on savings achieved by the review of supported homeless accommodation and by reducing capacity within dispersed temporary accommodation and providing any savings generated can be reinvested into homeless services.</p>

<p><b>Activity Name:</b></p>	<p><b>Mediation &amp; Conflict Resolution Service</b></p>
<p><b>Activity Description:</b></p> <p>Provide a short overview of the aims and the transformative nature of this activity.</p>	<p>One of the five strategic priorities agreed for Angus' Rapid Rehousing Transition plan is to increase the focus on prevention to stop homelessness happening in the first place. Relationship breakdown continues to be the most common reason for homeless applications in Angus, 274 people who made homeless applications in 2018/19 cited the breakdown of a relationship or being asked to leave</p>

	<p>family or friends' homes (39% of all applications), supporting the need for the introduction of mediation or conflict resolution intervention.</p> <p>We envisage the Mediation and Conflict Resolution Service to be accessible from a variety of referral sources to work with families, young people and couples where either there is a current threat of homelessness due to relationship breakdown or earlier, where there are relationship difficulties to prevent homelessness or the threat of homelessness occurring.</p> <p>Where it is safe to do so, the service will provide support to identify and address the root causes of the relationship difficulties, and use communication, conflict resolution skills and mediation to build relationships and help the person remain in the family home. Where remaining in the family home is not possible, the service will work with the family so any move can be completed in a planned and supported way.</p>			
Allocation Spent on activity:	£	SG RRTP funding	Local Authority funding	Other
		0	0	0
<p>Overview of progress made to date:</p> <p>Provide a short summary of the work undertaken in the past year, progress made and challenges.</p>	<p>The tender for the service was published in March 2020, initially delayed due to resource issues in our internal contracts team and the deadline for submissions was then extended to allow for any difficulties caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.</p>			
		SG RRTP Funding	Local Authority funding	Other

<p>Future spend planned on this activity in 2020/21:</p>	<p>£</p>	<p>73,856.97</p>		
<p>Implementation in 2020/21:</p> <p>Provide a short summary of the aims and targets for this activity during 2020/21.</p>	<p>The following activities are planned for the implementation of the Conflict &amp; Mediation service in 2020/21:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agree implementation plan</li> <li>• Stakeholder engagement / promotion</li> <li>• Ongoing review and evaluation</li> </ul>			
<p>Plans for mainstreaming this activity:</p> <p>Provide detail of the timescale and plans to mainstream / when this activity will end:</p>	<p>It is envisaged that this service will be mainstreamed in Year 5 of the Rapid Rehousing Transition Plan however this is dependent on savings achieved by the review of supported homeless accommodation and by reducing capacity within dispersed temporary accommodation, and providing any savings generated can be reinvested into homeless services.</p>			

**Please duplicate the above table for each activity you have undertaken in your RRTP for example: RRTP co-ordinator and other costs (Housing First; flipping tenancies; mediation, etc.).**



## Unspent 2019/20 RRTP Funding

Please provide the total of 2019/20 funding provided by the Scottish Government for the implementation of the Rapid Rehousing Transition Plan in your area that has not been spent in 2019/20.

**£ 172,000**

Provide detail of how this funding will be spent on implementing the Rapid Rehousing Transition Plan in 2020/21 detailing the area that it will be used in. Please make clear the individual amounts

ACTIVITY	FUNDING TO BE CARRIED FORWARD	
Housing First	£	92,700
Mediation & Conflict Resolution Service	£	73,856.97
	£	
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	£	
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