

SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE

INFORMATION REPORT – RAPID REHOUSING TRANSITION PLAN UPDATE

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ABSTRACT

This report provides information to members with regard to the Rapid Rehousing Transition Plan, albeit that a decision is not required in terms of the current Scheme of Delegation to Officers and the Order of Reference of Committees.

1. SIGNIFICANT INFORMATION

Drawing on baseline information and projected five year projections, Angus Council's [Rapid Rehousing Transition Plan 2019/20-2023/24](#) (RRTP) details how we will achieve our goal that people who experience homelessness reach a settled housing outcome as quickly as possible by:

- Increasing the focus on prevention to stop homelessness happening in the first place.
- Ensuring households get through the homeless system faster.
- Ensuring homeless households can access existing housing.
- Ensuring homeless households can access the right type of support at the right time.
- Increasing affordable housing supply to meet needs of homeless households.

We received confirmation from the Scottish Government on 17 July 2019 that we were awarded £172,000 to support the beginning of the implementation of our 5 year RRTP. Funding for Year 2 was announced in December 2019 confirming we will be allocated £161,000 for 2020/21.

The Scottish Government are requesting all local authorities provide a written report on how they have spent their allocation of funding to support the implementation of their RRTPs, progress to date and challenges experienced, along with a revised RRTP. This has to be submitted to them by 30 June 2020.

Notable achievements and actions completed in year 1, include:

- Implementation of a revised prison protocol in line with the Sustainable Housing on Release for Everyone (SHORE) standards;
- Development of information and guidance materials for private tenants;
- Implementation of a rent deposit and rent guarantee scheme;
- Undertaken research into the support needs and outcomes of homeless households in Angus;
- Analysis of homeless need included in Housing Market Area profiles to inform affordable housing supply.

Progress against some actions has been slower than anticipated due to a number of factors. The current restrictions as a result of Covid-19 will inevitably further impact delivery of the RRTP and at the time of writing all allocations were suspended except in emergency situations, with work to bring void properties up to a lettable standard only just beginning after a pause of nearly 2 months. This will require the plan to be kept under close review as we progress through the recovery phases.

2. REPORT AUTHOR

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Appendix A – Revised RRTP Action Plan
Appendix B – RRTP Funding and Activity Monitoring Template