Rapid Rehousing- June 2019 Update

Rapid Rehousing Transition Plans An Overview

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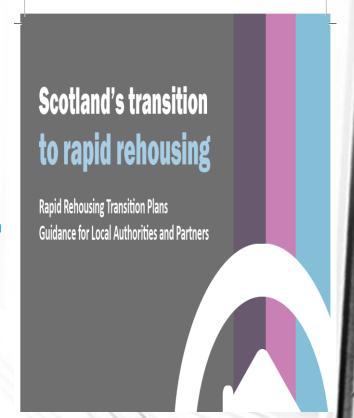
Scottish Government 4 Questions for HARSAG

- Q1 How do we reduce rough sleeping this Winter?
- Q2 How do we end rough sleeping in Scotland?
- Q3 How do we transform temporary accommodation
- Q4 How do we end homelessness?

- Recommendations accepted (some non-devolved powers)
- High Level National Action Plan
- LAs and partners to develop RRTPs
- Programme of consultation to strengthen the rights of homeless households and improve standards

Rapid Rehousing Where we are now (mid-June 2019)

- All 32 RRTP's submitted to Scottish Government
- Civil Servant evaluation/feedback process complete
- All Councils have submitted re-worked RRTP's to Scottish Government
- Housing Minister/CoSLA to agree funding support for RRTP by 28th
 June 2019
- Funding support unlikely to meet Councils' expectation



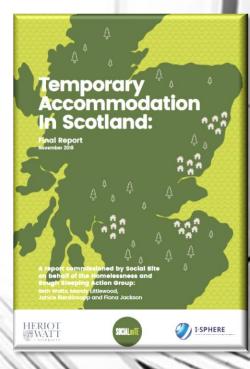


RRTP - Key Challenges

- Homelessness applications nationally have levelled – signs of homeless increasing in some Councils, e.g. Fife
- Negative impacts of homelessness on children, health and wellbeing, poverty
- Focus on prevention & early intervention
- Transforming temporary accommodation
- Meeting support and health needs
- Housing First & Rapid Rehousing
 - Housing options approaches increasing access to settled housing









RRTP Desired Outcomes

- Increase focus on prevention & early intervention to reduce homelessness
- Pathways for those most 'at most risk' of homelessness and rough sleeping
- Person centred service responses reshaping our frontline
- Recognition of households with high support needs close the gap
- Reduce reliance on B&B and general needs hostels
- Unavoidable temporary accommodation is of good standard and affordable
- Reduce transitions in temporary accommodation
- Generate turnover of existing properties and increase in scatter flats
- Increase access to settled/permanent housing options



Key Issues for LA's & Partners

- Understanding the impacts of rapid rehousing on other applicants
- Reducing numbers and time in temporary accommodation
- Enhancing Prevention
- Consulting with tenants and applicants
- Engaging with RSLs and IJBs
- Briefing elected members
- The cost and financial implications
- Choice, support and sustainment- meeting applicants needs in the context of Rapid Rehousing

Scotland's transition to rapid rehousing

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Housing Providers' Contribution

- Prevention
 - How do you contribute to homelessness prevention?
- Housing Access
 - What is your current performance on allocations to homeless households and how can this be improved?
 - Are you building new social rented homes?
- Housing Support Services
 - Are you providing support?
 - How are you commissioned?

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