Rapid Rehousing - June 2019 Update

Rapid Rehousing Transition Plans
An Overview

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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
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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