

Housing Options Hub Update for RRTP Sub-group: Tayside, Fife and Central Hub

ARGYLL AND BUTE Douglas Whyte – Team Lead Housing Strategy	Update January 2020
<p>Our initial RRTP was signed off by Full Council in November 2018 on the understanding that the RRTP may be revised after receiving Scottish Government feedback.</p> <p>We requested £3.1 million over the 5 years with a request for £374 000 in the first year.</p> <p>After our initial feedback from the Scottish Government we revised our costs to £1.9 million over the 5 years with a request for £327 000 for the first year.</p> <p>We received £95 000 in the first year.</p> <p>Feedback was sent to the Scottish Government on 3rd October on the 2nd iteration of our RRTP. We have not received any communication since that date so are not clear if our RRTP has been signed off by the Scottish Government.</p> <p>RRTP action plan is being reviewed with partners (HSCP, RSL's and Support Providers). The key work streams being taken forward are:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A rent arrears prevention fund to assist with the prevention of homelessness and also to assist with access to suitable permanent housing • A decoration project to provide homeless households with a home not just a house • A flexible emergency fund to enable front line housing support workers to assist homeless households in crisis • Recruiting a mental health/addictions worker based within the HSCP to build more effective links between health and housing • Developing a Housing First model which will be effective in a remote rural local authority 	<p>We have been awarded £105 000 for year 2</p> <p>10 households assisted to date. 78 hours per month of housing support assigned to these households to assist with tenancy sustainment</p> <p>Meeting with RSL partners on 11th February to take this project forward</p> <p>Funds issued to 3 housing support providers pre-Christmas</p> <p>Job description agreed with HSCP and meeting on 5th February to take this project forward</p> <p>Training took place with Turning Point Scotland on 26th November</p>

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DUNDEE CITY Brian Shaw – Housing Manager	Update January 2020
<p><u>Temporary Accommodation Review</u> Year 1-2019/20 - Transform proposal for closing Jessie Devlin Close and providing supported accommodation at Honeygreen - Consultation and Communication Plan with all Key stakeholders to be agreed in regards implementation</p> <p><u>RRTP Investment Plan</u> Year 1 funding Scottish Government transitional funding £300K. Further 2 year funding to be decided by Scottish Government/COSLA by end of 2019, estimated at a further £450k over final 2 years. Agreed internal priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contribution to voids to maintain financial viability re Jessie Devlin closure process. • Women's Aid Housing First/support project - £60k • 2x3 year Housing Options Officer temporary posts. (£60k) • 1x3year Lettings Officer post (£30K) • Private sector rent deposit. (£10k bond) • AFC – prevention of youth homelessness (£30k DCC contribution) 	<p>Awarded £288K for year 2</p> <p>This process is still on target</p> <p>Interviews week beginning 17/12/2019</p> <p>Personal budgeting fund for immediate support</p>

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FIFE Shona MacKenzie - RRTP Project Manager:	Update January 2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fife RRTP project board has been set up and met twice but full partnership attendance hasn't yet been achieved. • RRTP year 1 – proposals on the use of the first year funding have been approved by the board. • Currently in the process of identifying 'older backlog' cases living within temporary accommodation in order to 'flip' flats where appropriate to the needs of the homeless households. • In conjunction with above looking to provide personal housing advice plan to all 'older backlog' cases not in temp accommodation or where flipping isn't a viable option, through property acquisition etc. • Creating a Housing First model that works for Fife, along with the PSP partners to commission wrap around support services. • Review / re-design of Housing Options and prevention advice work. Focussing on Options such as Rend Deposit Scheme. • Improve prevention assistance for families within the Private Rented Sector, liaising with PSP (Voluntary agencies) to improve services to both landlords and private rent tenants. • Development of new models of core and cluster / HMO based supported accommodation units. Both LA and RSL owned/run. • Setting up an innovation fund to assist with tenancy sustainment and the prevention of homelessness. Introduce and commission services to support sustainment through family mediation services and other housing support services. • Review on current support services commissioned through the PSP including Housing Support Needs Assessment. • Introduction of an Academy approach to training and development across all partners. • Development and implementation of an assertive outreach service to work with repeat homelessness cases to assist in reduction on use of temporary accommodation. 	<p>Awarded £536K from SG for Year 2</p> <p>Held third meeting last week, H&SCP to be approached again to encourage membership. Fourth meeting held in January.</p> <p>Project to convert scatter flats to secure tenancies underway in 5 of 7 area teams Ongoing conversion of scatter flats, slow progress needs, further focus being given through Allocations Team.</p> <p>First draft of HF model for Fife, work with PSP partners to commission wrap around support services (10 tenancies in first year). Ongoing development of Housing First model.</p> <p>To include review of wider referral process</p> <p>Test of change cases with assistance for families within the PRS, to improve services to both landlords and private rent tenants via the PSP partnership</p> <p>Including essential starter packs. Essential starter packs well used and to be reviewed February to reflect need.</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase on allocations to Homeless from both LA and RSL partners, consolidated within Local Letting Plans, to be approved by Committee (Fife Council Committee and RSL Committee/Board) by the end of 2019. • Appointment of 2 Housing Professionals with RRTP focus, aligned with a wider commitment from Housing Professionals already within Housing Access and Homelessness service. • Housing Access Hubs, across Fife • Housing Access Integration, review the role of Homeless Prevention/Homeless Officer. 	<p>Programmed for this year. PSP Housing Academy started.</p> <p>To be implemented through the PSP Partnership PSP Assertive Outreach collaboration between agencies (3) to help reduce revolving door approaches.</p> <p>Working with Council Area Teams to increase allocations to Homeless over next 3 months. Increase in allocations from both Fife Council and Housing Associations partners.</p> <p>First Hub progressing through Segal House Dunfermline with Homeless/Prevention Officers moving. Dunfermline Housing Access HUB progressed to base for Homeless Officers.</p> <p>Timeframe to be agreed asap</p> <p>PSP Review in commissioning process. PSP review agreed by HME.</p>
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PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL	Update January 2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 33% reduction in homeless presentations for the year to date (up to 31st October) compared to 2018/19 • Key performance indicators in line with RRTP 5-year target (length of stay in temporary accommodation, homeless case duration, number of homeless applicants waiting on an offer of permanent accommodation) • Maintaining significantly reduced portfolio of temporary accommodation • Allocations to homeless through Common Housing Register around 41% for the YTD due to there being very few homeless applicants on the waiting-list • All RRTP Resource Plan items being progressed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Home First Officer appointed in June 2019 – Property Ready Fund in place. Proposal to interface with Community Care Grants has been considered by Scottish Government – awaiting formal approval – Intensive Support service was commissioned as part of the review of our Floating Housing Support Service. New contract began on 14th October 2019. New Providers are Turning Point Scotland, Simon Community Scotland and Churches Action for the Homeless (CATH) – Homeless Prevention Officer – recruitment underway, interviews on 25th October 2019 	<p>Awarded £214K from SG for Year 2</p> <p>SG have not approved PKC's proposed method for interfacing funding with CCG. However, Property Ready Fund implemented – good progress so far in supporting people to take up and sustain tenancies.</p> <p>Commissioned a Youth Housing Support Service with Rock Trust – Service to start in April.</p> <p>Homelessness and Health Research concluded – action plan devised based on findings. Event being planned with mental health services, criminal justice, youth services and drug and alcohol services for late March.</p> <p>New Independent Living pathway developed and implemented with Health and Social Care Partnership to provide access to specialist and support accommodation</p> <p>System Developments – NPS Online purchased from Northgate and project implementation plan progressing – self-service and online facilities for applying for housing.</p>
Stirling Council	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussions about how to deliver plan with shortfall • Realignment of TA underway • Housing First Pathfinder provision going well and looking at mechanisms for development beyond this stage 	<p>Currently revising action plan with RRTP steering group in advance of June submission.</p> <p>9 tenancies in place at the moment, to increase to 20 by June</p> <p>Allocations policy has been approved. Hoping to have in place by</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changes to allocations policy (groupings to wider up areas) at Committee stage • Finding out about how people are managing (within a changing system) • Prevention work happening in schools • Programme for reduction of B and B (Homeless to Home) • Working with private landlords around lease extensions • Committee approval being sought for the implementation of 'temporary to settled' tenancies (projection of 'flipping' 60 tenancies in first year) • RRH Project team being set up • Analysing IT systems for any changes because of RRH implementation 	<p>September</p> <p>Homeless from Home now being used. Have decommissioned some PSL properties, but due to increased presentations have had to extend some existing leases, on a month to month basis.</p> <p>Project team has been set up, and a RRTP co-ordinator has recently been appointed.</p> <p>Updating system to reflect new allocations policy, housing support module also being added to system.</p>
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