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### **1. Who we are**

1.1. The SFHA leads, represents and supports Scotland's housing associations and co-operatives. We want to see a thriving housing association and co-operative sector providing sustainable and affordable homes.

### **2. Executive summary**

2.1. This paper provides the HPSG with an update on the RSL Homelessness Prevention Fund.

2.2. HPSG are asked to note the update and make any final comments before social housing providers are invited to submit proposals for consideration.

### **3. Amendments to Original Proposals**

3.1. The number of workstreams have been reduced from five to three, which are:

- Direct RSL Proposals – giving RSLs a direct opportunity to propose programmes to prevent homelessness (45% of funding)
- Active Inclusion Scotland – using preventative analytics and proactive intervention and support to prevent homelessness (45% of funding)
- Action Research – to explore the causes of repeat homelessness out with the official 12-month reporting period and make recommendations on changes to policy to prevent homelessness (5% of funding)

3.2. Mapping of community assets, resources and connections has been included as one of the requirements of the programme, to make sure the importance of community, connections and relationships are reflected in the proposals.

3.3. The Action Research will be commissioned through a separate exercise and will be paid out funding in year 1 of the programme.

#### **4. Current Status of Programme**

**4.1.** The Invitation for Proposals is attached as an appendix to this paper, and reflects the changes outlined above.

**4.2.** The HPSG are asked to note the proposed RSL Prevention Programme

**4.3.** Once the proposal has been agreed by relevant stakeholders, the Invitation for Proposals will be shared across the housing association sector, using the plan outlined in Appendix 2.

**4.4.** The invitation will be issued circa 16 March 2020 and the closing date for proposals will be circa 3 April 2020.

**4.5.** Proposals will be assessed by a panel, which will comprise representation from SFHA, SG and people with lived experience. The assessment should be complete by circa 24 April 2020.