

To: Housing and Community Safety Policy Board

On: 8 November 2016

Report by: Director of Development and Housing Services

Heading: Half Year Update on Scottish Social Housing Charter 2016/17

1. Summary

- 1.1 Local authorities and Registered Social Landlords (RSLs) are required to submit an Annual Return on performance against the Scottish Social Housing Charter to the Scottish Housing Regulator. A report was presented to the Policy Board in August reporting on performance for 2015/16. This report provides Members with an update for the first six months of 2016/17.
- 1.2 A separate report to this meeting of the Policy Board provides benchmarking information for 2015/16, comparing Renfrewshire Council's performance with other social landlords.

2. **Recommendations**

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Policy Board
 - (i) Notes the Half Year Update on the Scottish Social Housing Charter 2016/17 which is attached to this report as Appendix 1.

3. Background

3.1 The attached report attached as Appendix 1 provides performance information for the first two quarters of 2016/17:

- Section 1 provides performance information against the Charter indicators along with comparative data for the last three years, and
- Section 2 provides general management information on key areas of the housing service allocations and managing tenancy change; repairs; homelessness and housing advice; rent arrears.
- 3.2 Overall, performance in the first six months of 2016/17 indicates continued ongoing improvement with the majority of the Charter indicators showing similar or improved performance compared with previous years.
- 3.3 Members should note that for some of the indicators, data is only reported on an annual basis and will not be available until the end of the financial year and as such, there are some omissions in the tables in section 1 of the attached report.

Implications of the Report

- 1. **Financial** None
- 2. HR & Organisational Development None
- 3. **Community Planning** None
- 4. Legal The Housing (Scotland) Act 2010 requires all local authorities and registered social landlords
- 5. **Property/Assets -** None
- 6. **Information Technology** None
- 7. Equality & Human Rights: The Recommendations contained within this report have been assessed in relation to their impact on equalities and human rights. No negative impacts on equality groups or potential for infringement of rights have been identified individuals' human arising from the recommendations contained required in the report. lf following implementation, the actual impact of the recommendations and the mitigating actions will be reviewed and monitored, and the results of the assessment will be published on the Council's website.
- 8. Health & Safety None
- 9. **Procurement** None
- 10. Risk None
- 11. **Privacy Impact** None

List of Background Papers

- Reports to the Housing and Community Safety Policy Board on:
 - 12 November 2013 '2013/14 Update on Social Housing Charter'
 - 26 August 2014 ' Scottish Social Housing Charter Return
 - 11 November 2014 Update on the Scottish Social Housing Charter'
 - 15 March 2016 'Tenant Satisfaction Survey 2015'
 - 25 August 2015 Social Housing Charter Return for 2014-15'



Half Year Update on the Scottish Social Housing Charter Indicators

2016 -2017

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SECTION 1: SIX MONTHLY OUTTURN REPORT (2016-2017)

Overall Satisfaction

| No. | Indicator | 13/14 | 14/15 | 15/16 | Comments |
|-----|-----------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|--|
| 1 | Percentage of tenants satisfied | | | | This indicator is reported from the Tenant |
| | with the overall service provided | 82.0% | 82.0% | 82.2% | Satisfaction Survey. This is the most recent |
| | by their landlord. | | | | return, from the 2015 survey. |

1. The Customer Landlord Relationship

Equalities: Charter Indicator 2 asks for information on the ethnic origin of service users and staff and for information on disability. A range of equalities information is reported to the Housing and Community Safety Policy Board each year.

Communication

| No. | Indicator | 13/14 | 14/15 | 15/16 | Comments |
|-----|---|-------|-------|-------|--|
| 3 | Percentage of tenants who feel their landlord is good at keeping them informed about their services and decisions. | 79.2% | 79.2% | 79.5% | This indicator is reported from the Tenant Satisfaction Survey. This is the most recent return, from the 2015 survey. |

Complaints

| No | Indicator | 13/14 | 14/15 | Six -mth 15/16 | 15/16 | Six mth 16/17 |
|-------------|--|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| 4 & 5 | Percentage of 1st and 2nd stage complaints, including those related to equalities issues, responded to in full in the last year, that were resolved by the landlord and also the percentage upheld. Percentage of 1st and 2nd stage complaints responded to in full in the last year, within the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman (SPSO) Model Complaint Handling Procedure (CHP) timescales. | 94.9% (Stage 1) 94.9% (Stage 2) | 97.2% (Stage 1) 90.2% (Stage 2) | 96% (Stage 1) 54% (Stage 2) | 93.3% (Stage 1) 44.0% (Stage 2) | 97.1% (Stage 1) 71.4% (stage 2) |

Performance on complaints handling has improved significantly in the first six months of 2016/17. Following a review of complaints handling, further training has been delivered, and performance is being closely monitored.

Participation

| No. | Indicator | 13/14 | 14/15 | 15/16 | Comments |
|-----|---|-------|-------|-------|---------------------------------|
| 6 | Percentage of tenants satisfied with the | | | | This indicator is reported from |
| | opportunities given to them to participate in | 69.0% | 69.0% | 84.2% | the Tenant Satisfaction Survey. |
| | their landlord's decision making processes. | | | | This is the most recent return. |

2. Housing quality and maintenance

Housing Quality

| No. | Indicator | 13/14 | 14/15 | Six | 15/16 | Six |
|-----|-----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| | | | | month | | month |

| | | Γ | | 15/16 | | 16/17 |
|----|--|-------|-------|------------------|-------|------------------|
| 7 | Percentage of stock meeting the Scottish Housing Quality Standard (SHQS). After applying allowable exclusions and abeyances, the Council remains 100% compliant with the SHQS target. | 62.1% | 84.6% | Annual report | 85.9% | Annual report |
| 8 | Percentage of properties at or above the appropriate NHER (National Home Energy Rating) or SAP (Standard Assessment Procedure) ratings specified in element 35 of the SHQS, as at 31 March each year. | 85.1% | 97.4% | Annual report | 98.5% | Annual report |
| 9 | Percentage of tenants satisfied with the standard of their home when moving in. | 61.4% | 80% | Annual | 92.3% | 85.7% |
| 10 | Percentage of existing tenants satisfied with the quality of their home. | 81.6% | 81.6% | Annual report | 82.2% | Annual report |

Repairs, maintenance and improvements

| No. | Indicator | 13/14 | 14/15 | 15/ | 16 | 16/17 |
|-----|---|--------|--------|------------------|--------|------------------|
| | | Annual | Annual | 6 month | Annual | 6 month |
| 11 | Average length of time taken to complete emergency repairs. (hours) | 11.5 | 5.8 | 4.8 | 5.5 | 6.7 |
| 12 | Average length of time taken to complete non- emergency repairs. (days) | 8.5 | 8.5 | 8 | 8.4 | 7.1 |
| 13 | Percentage of reactive repairs carried out in the last year completed right first time. | 87.8% | 87.5% | Annual report | 90.8% | Annual report |
| 14 | Percentage of repairs appointments kept. | 95.0% | 98.9% | 99% | 99.1% | 98% |
| 15 | Percentage of properties that require a gas safety record which had a gas safety check and record completed by the anniversary date. | 99.99% | 99.99% | 99% | 99.5% | 100% |
| 16 | Percentage of tenants who have had repairs or maintenance carried out in last 12 months satisfied with the repairs and maintenance service. | 78.0% | 94.7% | 96.1% | 96.6% | 96.2% |

3. Neighbourhood and community

Estate management, anti-social behaviour, neighbour nuisance and tenancy disputes

| No. | Indicator | 13/14 | 14/15 | 15/16 | | 16/17 |
|-----|---|------------|---------|---------|--------|---------|
| | | Annual | Annual | 6 month | Annual | 6 month |
| 17 | Percentage of tenants satisfied with the | 81.2 | 81.2% | Annual | 82.5% | Annual |
| | management of the neighbourhood they live in. | 81.2 81.2% | 01.2% | report | | report |
| 18 | Percentage of tenancy offers refused during the | 61.3% | 59.6% | 59.1% | 46.1% | 42.8% |
| | year. | 01.570 | 59.0% | 59.1% | 40.1% | 42.0% |
| 19 | Percentage of anti-social behaviour cases reported | | | Annual | | Annual |
| | in the last year which were resolved within locally | 93.7% | 6 91.6% | report | 92.9% | report |
| | agreed targets. | | | report | | report |

4. Access to housing and support

Tenancy sustainment

| No. | Indicator | 13/14 | 14/15 | Six month 15/16 | 15/16 | Six month 16/17 |
|-----|--|-----------|-----------|--------------------|-------|--------------------|
| 20 | Percentage of new tenancies sustained for more t | than a ye | ar, by so | urce of let. | | |

| No. | Indicator | 13/14 | 14/15 | Six month 15/16 | 15/16 | Six month 16/17 |
|-----|--|-------|-------|--------------------|-------|--------------------|
| | Existing tenants | 90.8% | 94.2% | Annual Report | 91.0% | 89.4% |
| | Homeless applicants | 75.4% | 81.4% | Annual Report | 72.1% | 73.3% |
| | Housing List applicants | 87.9% | 86.9% | Annual Report | 87.4% | 88.9% |
| | Other | 0 | 0 | Annual Report | 0 | 0 |
| | Overall | 85.0% | 87% | Annual Report | 84.5% | 85.2% |
| 21 | Percentage of lettable houses that became vacant in the last year. | 11% | 10.2% | 10.3% | 10.2% | 9.5% |

Housing options and access to housing

| No. | Indicator | 13/14 | 14/15 | Six month 15/16 | 15/16 | Six month 16/17 |
|-----|--|-------|-------|--------------------|-------|--------------------|
| 22 | Percentage of approved applications for medical adaptations completed during the reporting year. | 98.6% | 87.8% | Annual report | 96.0% | Annual report |
| 23 | Average time to complete applications (medical adaptations) days | 61 | 64 | Annual report | 44 | Annual report |
| | Percentage of the court actions initiated which resulted in eviction and the reasons for eviction. | 26.1% | 20.3% | 0 | 23.1% | Annual |
| 24 | Non payment of rent | | 19.4% | Annual | 22.2% | Annual |
| | Anti social behaviour | | 0.5% | report | 0.8% | report |
| | Other | | 0.5% | | 0% | |

Homelessness

| No | Indicator | 13/14 | 14/15 | Six month 15/16 | 15/16 | Six month 16/17 | | | |
|---------|---|-------|-------|-----------------------|-------|-----------------------|--|--|--|
| | Average length of time in temporary or emergency accommodation by type, days (LAs only) | | | | | | | | |
| | Local authority dwelling | 43.3 | 44.9 | 57 | 78.9 | 87 | | | |
| 25 | RSL Dwelling | 81 | 89.4 | 85 | 39.3 | 68 | | | |
| 23 | Bed and Breakfast | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| | Other | 139.1 | 98.5 | 97 | 101.9 | 91 | | | |
| | All types of accommodation | 47.2 | 56.9 | 67 | 79.3 | 82 | | | |
| | Percentage of households requiring temporary or emergency accommodation to whom an offer was made. (LAs only) | 100% | 99.1% | 96.5% | 99.5% | 100% | | | |
| 26 & | Percentage of temporary or emergency accommodation offers refused in the last year by accommodation type. (LAs only) | | | | | | | | |
| 27 | L A Dwelling | 1.9% | 2.4% | 1.9% | 2.4% | 4.9% | | | |
| 2/ | RSL Dwelling | 0% | 1.6% | 0% | 0% | 0% | | | |
| | Bed and Breakfast | 11.5% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | | | |
| | Other | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | | | |
| | All types of accommodation | 2.9% | 1.96% | 1.8% | 2.1% | 3.5% | | | |
| 28 | Of those households homeless in the last 12 months the percentage satisfied with the quality of temporary or emergency accommodation. (LAs only). | 87.9% | 92.3% | 79% | 74.5% | 75.7% | | | |

5. Getting good value from rents and service charges

Value for money

| No. | Indicator | 13/14 | 14/15 | 15/16 | Comments |
|-----|-------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|--|
| | Percentage of tenants who feel that | | | | This indicator is reported from the Tenant |
| 29 | the rent for their property | 75.0% | 75% | 77.2% | Satisfaction Survey. This is the most |
| | represents good value for money. | | | | recent return, from the 2015 survey. |

Rents and service charges

| No. | Indicator | 13/14 | 14/15 | Six month 15/16 | 15/16 | Six month 16/17 |
|-----|---|-------|--------|--------------------|--------|--------------------|
| 30 | Rent collected as percentage of total rent due in the reporting year. | 99.6% | 100.2% | 98.8% | 100% | 98.4% |
| 31 | Gross rent arrears (all tenants) as at 31 March each year as a percentage of rent due for the reporting year. | 5.6% | 6.3% | 6.3% | 6.0% | 5.4% |
| 32 | Average annual management fee per factored property. | N/A | £90.00 | Annual report | £90.00 | Annual report |
| 33 | Percentage of factored owners satisfied with the factoring service they receive. | 23.8% | 45.4% | Annual report | 50.9% | Annual report |
| 34 | Percentage of rent due lost through properties being empty during the last year. | 2.6% | 2.0% | 1.8% | 1.9% | 1.7% |
| 35 | Average length of time taken to re-let properties in the last year. (days) | 56 | 44 | 41 | 42 | 38 |

Section 6 Other Customers; Gypsies/ Travellers

| No. | Indicator | 13/14 | 14/15 | 15/16 |
|-----|--|-------|--------------|----------|
| 36 | Gypsies/travellers – Average weekly rent per pitch. | Notan | plicable, no | citor in |
| 37 | For those who provide sites - percentage of gypsies/travellers satisfied with the landlord's management of the site. | • | Renfrewshire | |

SECTION 2: MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

Allocations and Managing Tenancy Change

Table 1 notes the number of applicants.

| Table 1 - Housing Waiting List | | | | | |
|--|---------|---------|--------------------|---------|--------------------|
| | 2013/14 | 2014/15 | 6 month 2015/16 | 2015/16 | 6 month 2016/17 |
| Number of applicants on housing list - at 31 st March 2014 | 6332 | 6,239 | 6001 | 5749 | 5,596 |
| Of which number who have their application on hold | 1386 | 1,384 | 1314 | 1,269 | 1,183 |

Table 2 illustrates where the applicants are placed in the group system.

| Table 2 - Ho | ousing Waiting | g List Bre | akdown | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------|----------------|------------|------------|-------|------------|--------|------------|-------|------------|--------|
| Crown | 2013/ | 14 | 2014/2 | 15 | 6 month 20 | 015/16 | 2015/2 | 16 | 6 month 2 | 016/17 |
| Group | Applicants | % | Applicants | % | Applicants | % | Applicants | % | Applicants | % |
| Group 1 Homeless | 171 | 2.7% | 147 | 2.4% | 172 | 2.9% | 203 | 3.5% | 176 | 3.1% |
| Group 2 Mobility | 331 | 5.2% | 412 | 6.6% | 373 | 6.2% | 348 | 6.1% | 305 | 5.4% |
| Group 3 Housing Need | 2638 | 41.7% | 2,510 | 40.2% | 2390 | 39.8% | 2272 | 39.5% | 2270 | 40.6% |
| Group 4 Exchanges | 1174 | 18.5% | 1,226 | 19.6% | 1167 | 19.4% | 1105 | 19.2% | 1053 | 18.8% |
| Group 5 General | 2018 | 31.8% | 1,944 | 31.2% | 1899 | 31.6% | 1821 | 31.7% | 1792 | 32% |
| Total | 6332 | 100% | 6,239 | 100% | 6001 | 100% | 5749 | 100% | 5596 | 100% |

Table 3 shows lets made through and outwith the group system.

| Table 3 - Total lets | Table 3 - Total lets | | | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------------------|----------------------|-------|--------------------|-------|---------|-------|--------------------|-------|--------|-------|--|--|
| | 2013/14 2014/15 | | 6 month 2015/16 | | 2015/16 | | 6 month 2016/17 | | | | | |
| | Number | % | Number | % | Number | % | Number | % | Number | % | | |
| Lets through group system | 1351 | 94.3% | 1,153 | 93.4% | 527 | 90.9% | 1068 | 90.9% | 559 | 91.5% | | |
| Lets outwith group system | 82 | 5.7% | 82 | 6.6% | 53 | 9.1% | 107 | 9.1% | 52 | 8.5% | | |
| Total Lets | 1433 | 100% | 1,235 | 100% | 580 | 100% | 1175 | 100% | 611 | 100% | | |

Table 4 shows lets to each group and also the target for lets to each group.

| Table 4 - Lets throug | gh group | system | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------|----------|--------|-------|-------|------|----------------|------|-------|------|----------------|--------------------|
| Group | 201 | 3/14 | 201 | 4/15 | | nonth 15/16 | 201 | 5/16 | - | nonth 16/17 | 2015/16 Targets |
| | Lets | % | % | % | Lets | % | Lets | % | Lets | % | % |
| Group 1 Homeless | 334 | 24.7% | 294 | 25.5% | 153 | 29% | 316 | 29.6% | 138 | 24.7% | 45% |
| Group 2 Mobility | 120 | 8.9% | 105 | 9.1% | 56 | 10.6% | 105 | 9.8% | 65 | 11.6% | 5% |
| Group 3 Housing Need | 781 | 57.8% | 623 | 54% | 260 | 49.3% | 544 | 50.9% | 302 | 54% | 40% |
| Group 4 Exchanges | 88 | 6.5% | 96 | 8.3% | 42 | 8% | 77 | 7.2% | 36 | 6.4% | 9% |
| Group 5 General | 28 | 2.1% | 35 | 3% | 16 | 3% | 26 | 2.4% | 18 | 3.2% | 1% |
| Total | 1351 | 100% | 1,153 | 100% | 527 | 100% | 1068 | 100% | 511 | 100% | 100% |

Table 5 gives details for lets outwith the group system.

| Table 5 - Lets Out | Table 5 - Lets Outwith Group System | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------|-------|------|-------|------|-------------|------|---------|-----------|--------|--|--|
| C-1 | 20: | 13/14 | 20: | 14/15 | 6 mo | nth 2015/16 | 20 |)15/16 | 6 month 2 | 016/17 | | |
| Category | Lets | % | Lets | % | Lets | % | Lets | % | Lets | % | | |
| Sheltered | 49 | 59.8% | 42 | 51.2% | 21 | 39.6% | 22 | 20.6% | 18 | 34.6% | | |
| Special Lets | 32 | 39.0% | 27 | 32.9% | 23 | 43.4% | 51 | 31.8% | 9 | 17.3% | | |
| Regeneration | 1 | 1.2% | 13 | 15.8% | 9 | 17% | 34 | 47.7% | 25 | 48.1% | | |
| Total | 82 | 100% | 82 | 100% | 53 | 100.00% | 107 | 100.00% | 52 | 100% | | |

Table 6 shows lets by house type.

| Table 6 - Lets by Hou | se Type | | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------|---------|-------|---------|-------|---------|---------------|--------|-------|---------|-----------------|--|
| | 2013 | /14 | 2014/15 | | 6 month | th 2015/16 20 | | /16 | 6 month | 6 month 2016/17 | |
| House Type | Number | % | Number | % | Number | % | Number | % | Number | % | |
| Tenement Flat | 683 | 47.7% | 656 | 53.1% | 281 | 48.4% | 582 | 49.5% | 338 | 55.3% | |
| Own Door Flat | 296 | 20.7% | 254 | 20.6% | 132 | 22.8% | 239 | 20.3% | 109 | 17.8% | |
| Multi-storey Flat | 126 | 8.8% | 77 | 6.2% | 34 | 5.9% | 78 | 6.6% | 32 | 5.2% | |
| House | 118 | 8.2% | 70 | 5.7% | 39 | 6.7% | 73 | 6.2% | 31 | 5.1% | |
| Other Flat | 70 | 4.9% | 72 | 5.8% | 48 | 8.3% | 95 | 8.1% | 55 | 9% | |
| Maisonette | 38 | 2.7% | 38 | 3.1% | 12 | 2.1% | 33 | 2.8% | 18 | 3% | |
| Bungalow | 32 | 2.2% | 21 | 1.7% | 11 | 1.9% | 23 | 2% | 9 | 1.5% | |
| Amenity Flat | 16 | 1.1% | 1 | 0.1% | 0 | 0% | 1 | 0.1% | 1 | 0.2% | |
| Prefab | 4 | 0.3% | 1 | 0.1% | 1 | 0.2% | 1 | 0.1% | 0 | 0% | |
| Sheltered Bungalow | 5 | 0.4% | 9 | 0.7% | 8 | 1.4% | 8 | 0.7% | 6 | 1% | |
| Sheltered Flat | 45 | 3.1% | 36 | 2.9% | 14 | 2.4% | 42 | 3.6% | 12 | 2% | |
| Total | 1433 | 100% | 1,235 | 100% | 580 | 100% | 1175 | 100% | 611 | 100% | |

Table 7a shows section 5 and nomination lets for 2015/16, Table 7b gives the 6 monthly update

| Table 7a | Nomination | & S5 Lets 2015/16 | | | | |
|----------|------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| | C | Council nomination lets | % of overall lets to | Section 5 lets | % lets to Section 5 | % overall lets to |
| | General stock | Specialist/sheltered/supported | Council nominations | General st | Council | |
| Q1 | 13 | 2 | 6.8% | 30 | 16.9% | 20.4% |
| Q2 | 20 | 5 | 9.7% | 31 | 14.6% | 21.8% |
| Q3 | 13 | 7 | 8.7% | 23 | 11.9% | 18.7% |
| Q4 | 13 | 3 | 8.3% | 23 | 14.8% | 20.2% |
| Annual | 59 | 17 | 8.4% | 107 | 14.5% | 20.3% |
| Table 7b | Nomination | & S5 Lets - 6 month update for 20 | 16/17 | | | |
| | | Council nomination lets | | Section 5 | % lets to | % overall |
| | | | % of overall lets to | lets | Section 5 | lets to |
| | General stock | Specialist/sheltered/supported | Council nominations | General st | ock | Council |
| Q1 | 26 | 4 | 14.9% | 23 | 14.6% | 26.4% |
| Q2 | 21 | 18 | 16.8% | 14 | 8.0% | 22.9% |
| 6 mth | 47 | 22 | 15.9% | 37 | 11.1% | 24.5% |

Repairs

Table 8 shows amount of repairs by category and percentage achieved within target.

| Table 8 – Repai | Table 8 – Repairs completed | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|--------|--------------------|--------|--------------------|--------|--------------------|--------|--------------------|--|--|
| Repair | 20: | 13/14 | 20 | 14/15 | 6 mont | h 2015/16 | 20: | 15/16 | 6 mont | h 2015/16 | | |
| category | Total | % within target | Total | % within target | Total | % within target | Total | % within target | Total | % within target | | |
| Emergency | 11,494 | 96% | 10,911 | 96% | 4,847 | 98% | 11,377 | 99% | 4,887 | 98% | | |
| Right to Repair | 11,558 | 93% | 11,287 | 95% | 4,993 | 97% | 11,729 | 97% | 5,072 | 97% | | |
| Urgent | 1078 | 95% | 1,671 | 94% | 548 | 96% | 1,328 | 94% | 688 | 94% | | |
| Routine | 42,670 | 93% | 36,449 | 91% | 18,101 | 92% | 37,909 | 91% | 14,270 | 91% | | |
| Programmed | 2101 | 97% | 1,196 | 96% | 565 | 100% | 1,368 | 98% | 134 | 100% | | |

| Total 68,901 94% 61,514 93% 29054 94% 63,711 94% 25,051 93% | Total | 68,901 | 94% | 61,514 | 93% | 29054 | 94% | 63,711 | 94% | 25,051 | 93% |
|---|-------|--------|-----|--------|-----|-------|-----|--------|-----|--------|-----|
|---|-------|--------|-----|--------|-----|-------|-----|--------|-----|--------|-----|

Table 9 provides information on Customer Contact Centre performance in relation to housing repairs calls. This shows the volume of calls in the first six months of 2016/17 and outcomes for calls received.

| Table 9 - Customer contact centre | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|---------------------|-----|------------------------------|-----|----------|-----|------------------------------|-----|----------|-----|--|
| Indicator | 2013/2014 2014/2015 | | 6 month update 2015/16 | | 2015/16 | | 6 month update 2016/17 | | | | |
| | Number | % | Number | % | Number | % | Number | % | Number | % | |
| Total calls attempted | 80,087 | | 75,026 | | 34,547 | | 77,107 | | 32,599 | | |
| Calls answered | 71,528 | 89% | 69,648 | 93% | 27,610 | 80% | 59,032 | 77% | 26,162 | 80% | |
| Calls abandoned | 8525 | 12% | 5,378 | 7% | 6937 | 20% | 18,075 | 23% | 6437 | 20% | |
| Calls answered within 40 second target time | 44,126 | 62% | 46,084 | 66% | 8785 | 32% | 16,332 | 21% | 8474 | 32% | |
| % of all attempted calls answered within 40 sec target (service level) | | 62% | | 66% | | 32% | | 28% | | 26% | |
| Average waiting time | 00:01:29 | | 00:00:56 | | 00.03.15 | | 00:03:30 | | 00:03:09 | | |
| 'Ren Repairs' app (email correspondence) | N/A | | 2,746 | | 1324 | | 3973 | | 1134 | | |
| 'Ren Repairs' registered repairs | N/A | | 758 | | 681 | | 2018 | | 1555 | | |

Homelessness and Housing Advice

The number of homeless applications continues to reduce, this trend and is in line with the national picture, which is largely due to the housing options approach being used by social landlords and the impact of prevention activity.

Table 10 provides comparative information on the number of homeless applications as well as 'repeat' applications.

| Table 10 Homeless Applications | 2013/14 | 2014/15 | 6 month update 2015/16 | 2015/16 | 6 month update 2016/17 |
|---|---------|---------|------------------------------|---------|------------------------------|
| Number of homeless applications requiring assessment | 981 | 839 | 430 | 832 | 377 |
| Total number of service users – those who were homeless, threatened with homelessness, or requiring housing options advice. | 1978 | 2154 | 1048 | 2098 | 1063 |

Table 11 provides information on the number of applications that have been assessed and how quickly assessments are carried out. Performance in terms of time taken to complete assessments continues to compare well with other Scottish local authorities.

| Table 11 Decision Making | 2013/14 | 2014/15 | 6 month update 2015/16 | 2015/16 | 6 month update 2016/17 |
|--|---------|---------|------------------------------|---------|------------------------------|
| Number of applications assessed as 'homeless or threatened with homelessness' (i.e. the Council had a duty to rehouse) | 736 | 684 | 346 | 689 | 303 |

| Proportion of assessments completed within 26 days 86% 84% 89% 95.5% 96.2% | Proportion of assessments completed within 28 days | 88% | 84% | 89% | 95.5% | 98.2% |
|--|--|-----|-----|-----|-------|-------|
|--|--|-----|-----|-----|-------|-------|

Table 12 measures satisfaction with Housing options service

| Table 12 Housing Options Satisfaction | 2013/14 | 2014/15 | 6 month update 2015/16 | 2015/16 | 6 month update 2016/17 |
|--|---------|---------|---------------------------|---------|---------------------------|
| % pleased with the quality of advice and information they were given | 97% | 97.6% | 92% | 95.3% | 97% |
| % pleased with the overall quality of the service they received. | 96% | 97.6% | 95% | 96% | 97% |

Rent Arrears

Table 13 shows that at the end of September 2016, just over £1.6m was owed in arrears. This is higher than the year end figure for 2015/16; however there is a seasonal pattern, seen over previous years, whereby arrears are higher at the end of September than they are at year end as collection rates fluctuate through the year, depending on when 'rent free' weeks occur.

| Table 13 - Current Tenant Rent Arrears | | | | | | | | | |
|--|-------------|-------------|-----------------|-------------|-----------------|--|--|--|--|
| | 2013/14 | 2014/15 | 6 month 2015/16 | 2015/16 | 6 month 2016/17 | | | | |
| Annual Rental Income | £45,428,200 | £45,092,800 | £46,391,290 | £46,110,300 | £46,709,600 | | | | |
| Number of Tenants | 12,056 | 11,835 | 12,074 | 11,657 | 11,607 | | | | |
| Total Arrears Owed All | £1,382,600 | £1,248,600 | £1,571,100 | £1,239,900 | £1,627,900 | | | | |

Table 14 shows the recovery action taken, there have been 6 evictions in the last 6 months for rent arrears.

| Table 14 – Recovery Action | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|----------|----------|-----------------|----------|-----------------|--|--|--|--|
| | 2013/14 | 2014/15 | 6 month 2015/16 | 2015/16 | 6 month 2016/17 | | | | |
| *NPRP issued | 1176 | 1,469 | 777 | 1,756 | 924 | | | | |
| All Cases calling at Court | 850 | 773 | 477 | 947 | 563 | | | | |
| Decrees Granted | 96 | 103 | 63 | 133 | 75 | | | | |
| Evictions enforced S/Officer | 10 | 4 | 4 | 10 | 6 | | | | |
| Average time first calling | 10 weeks | 10 weeks | 10 | 10 weeks | 10 weeks | | | | |
| Average time recalled at court | 5 weeks | 5 weeks | 7 weeks | 5 weeks | 5 weeks | | | | |

Table 15 provides a profile of arrears by value and table 18 shows the status of arrears debt.

| Table 15 – Profile of Arrears by Value | | | | | | | | |
|--|------------|------------|-----------------|------------|-----------------|--|--|--|
| | 2013/14 | 2014/15 | 6 month 2015/16 | 2015/16 | 6 month 2016/17 | | | |
| Under £250 | £124,600 | £113,700 | £161,800 | £88,000 | £158,700 | | | |
| Between £250 & £500 | £211,700 | £81,400 | £226,800 | £159,800 | £234,400 | | | |
| Between £500 & £1,000 | £385,600 | £345,500 | £441,900 | £350,500 | £448,800 | | | |
| Over £1,000 | £660,700 | £608,000 | £740,600 | £641,600 | £786,000 | | | |
| TOTALS | £1,382,600 | £1,248,600 | £1,571,100 | £1,239,900 | £1,627,900 | | | |

Table 16 – Status of Rent Debt

| | 2013/14 | 2014/15 | 6 month 2015/16 | 2015/16 | 6 month 2016/17 | | | |
|---------------------|------------|------------|-----------------|------------|-----------------|--|--|--|
| Arrears Pre Court | £868,300 | £769,900 | £1,027,600 | £733,700 | £1,070,100 | | | |
| Arrears Post Court | £384,500 | £376,000 | £395,400 | £413,000 | £442,900 | | | |
| Arrears Rent Direct | £102,800 | £102,700 | £102,300 | £93,200 | £114,900 | | | |
| TOTALS | £1,382,600 | £1,279,400 | £1,571,100 | £1,239,900 | £1,627,900 | | | |

Table 17 shows the amount owed by tenants by age profile. Around 70% of the arrears are from tenants aged between 25 and 49 years of age.

| Table 17 – Profile of Arrears by Age | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|------------|------------|-----------------|------------|-----------------|--|--|--|--|
| | 2013/14 | 2014/15 | 6 month 2015/16 | 2015/16 | 6 month 2016/17 | | | | |
| Under 25 years | £183,800 | £159,100 | £161,300 | £155,900 | £178,900 | | | | |
| Between 25 & 49 years | £956,200 | £859,700 | £1,101,300 | £849,600 | £1,117,900 | | | | |
| Between 50 & 60 years | £199,900 | £188,600 | £250,600 | £192,400 | £285,100 | | | | |
| Over 60 | £42,700 | £41,200 | £57,900 | £42,000 | £46,000 | | | | |
| TOTALS | £1,382,600 | £1,248,600 | £1,571,100 | £1,239,900 | £1,627,900 | | | | |

Table 18 provides summary information on benefit levels and notes that benefit uptake remains high with 71% of our tenants in receipt of some form of benefit, including 307 tenants who are receiving Universal Credit

| Table 18 – Housing Benefit | | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------|---------|---------|-----------------|---------|-----------------|--|--|--|--|
| | 2013/14 | 2014/15 | 6 month 2015/16 | 2015/16 | 6 month 2016/17 | | | | |
| Number of tenants | 12,056 | 11,835 | 11,713 | 11,657 | 11607 | | | | |
| Tenants with benefit | 8,304 | 8,442 | 8,306 | 8.263 | 8254 | | | | |
| Tenants without benefit | 3,752 | 3,393 | 3,407 | 3.394 | 3353 | | | | |
| % in receipt of Housing Benefit | 69% | 71% | 71% | 71% | 71% | | | | |