

To: Communities, Housing & Planning Policy Board

On: 30 October 2018

Report by: Director of Communities, Housing & Planning Services

Heading: Rapid Re-housing Transition Plan for Renfrewshire

1. Summary

- 1.1 The Scottish Government has issued guidance to all Local Authorities on the production of Rapid Re-housing Transition Plans (RRTP).
 - 1.2 These RRTP's are to detail how each Local Authority and its partners will ensure that those who are homeless are provided with a settled housing option as quickly as possible, and avoid the need to stay in temporary accommodation for too long.
 - 1.3 This report provides information on the background to the introduction of RRTP's, and outlines how it is proposed that a Plan for Renfrewshire will be developed.
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2. Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Board:
 - (i) notes that the Scottish Government has issued guidance to all Local Authorities on the production of Rapid Re-housing Transition Plans, and that these plans are to cover 5 years from April 2019, and be submitted to the Scottish Government by 31 December 2018; and
 - (ii) authorises the Director of Communities, Housing & Planning to carry out the necessary consultation and to submit a Draft Rapid Re-housing Transition Plan for Renfrewshire to the Scottish Government and thereafter to submit this document for homologation to the next available meeting of the Communities, Housing & Planning Board.
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3. Background

- 3.1 The Scottish Government established a Homelessness & Roughsleeping Action Group (HARSAG) in October 2017 to produce solutions to help end homelessness and rough-sleeping.
- 3.2 A key recommendation from the HARSAG, which has been accepted by the Scottish Government, is that all local authorities must consult on and produce a costed 5 year Rapid Re-housing Transition Plan by 31 December 2018.
- 3.3 These plans are to detail how local authorities will move to a situation where those who are homeless:
 - are provided with accommodation more quickly;
 - spend less time in temporary accommodation; and
 - have greater access to an up-scaled use of the Housing First model, and/ or other support.
- 3.4 Guidance was produced for local authorities in late June 2018 on the completion of RRTP's, and the Scottish Government's 'Ending Homelessness Together' fund will allocate resources to support and assist local authorities in the implementation of their RRTP's, once they have been submitted and fully evaluated.
- 3.5 Key partners such as local and national Housing Associations, Renfrewshire Health & Social Care Partnership and a range of 3rd sector organisations are therefore currently being fully consulted on the content of a draft RRTP for Renfrewshire.
- 3.6 As the target date for the submission of RRTP's is 31 December 2018, the limited time available to produce a detailed, costed 5 year plan which has been thoroughly consulted on means that it is very likely that RRTP's will need to be subject to regular review and adjustment during the 5 year period.
- 3.7 Similarly, it has been highlighted to the Scottish Government that due to the limited time available, it is likely that a draft RRTP will be submitted by the 31 December 2018 deadline, which will be subject to subsequent Policy Board approval in early 2019.

Implications of the Report

1. **Financial** – none. Scottish Government funding is likely to be allocated to support the delivery of our RRTP.
2. **HR & Organisational Development** – none, though additional posts may be created if Scottish Government funding is received following the submission of the RRTP.

3. **Community/Council Planning –**
 - Our Renfrewshire is fair - those who are homeless will be provided with settled housing options more quickly
 - Tackling inequality, ensuring opportunities for all - those who are homeless will be provided with settled housing options more quickly
4. **Legal – none**
5. **Property/Assets – none**
6. **Information Technology – none**
7. **Equality & Human Rights:**
 - (a) 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 individuals' human rights have been identified arising from the recommendations contained in the report because it is for noting only. If required 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**
12. **Cosla Policy Position – Not applicable**

List of Background Papers: None

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