

## Home First (Rapid Rehousing Transitional Plan) Resource Plan Progress Overview

The table below provides an update on the progress to date on the key challenges and activities contained within the Resource Plan of the RRTP.

Priority	Activity	Key Challenge within RRTP	Current Position (April 2018 to October 2019)
1	Property Ready Fund	To continue to support homeless people move into settled accommodation immediately.  To increase tenancy sustainment.	£83K funding has been allocated as per the Plan. Some spend to date but waiting on feedback from the Scottish Government on proposal to integrate with Community Care Grants.  Tenancy sustainment rates have increased to 89% from 83%.
2	Home First Officer	To co-ordinate and continue with the success of Home First.	Additional Housing Options Officer recruited.
3	Intensive Tenancy Sustainment Support	Meeting the support needs of people with multiple and complex needs.  Ending rough sleeping.	This has been included in the Floating Housing Support contract which has just been included within the new contract.  The number of rough sleepers has decreased from 47 to 24.
4	Homeless Prevention Officers x 2	Preventing homelessness, where possible.	One additional Housing Options Officer has been recruited.  The number of people presenting as homeless has reduced by 26%.
5	Private Sector Access Initiatives	Continue to engage with the private rented sector to bring back into use as many empty homes as possible and provide a viable housing option for those in housing need.	All of the Private Sector Officers were made permanent with effect from 01 <sup>st</sup> April 2019. £93K of the RRTP implementation funding has been used to offset the Council funding that was used to facilitate this.  From April 2019 we have

			<p>brought 7 large empty properties back into use and are currently working on a further 20. Since April 2015, we have brought a total of 96 properties back into use, providing much needed accommodation for those in housing need.</p> <p>Secured 77 placements through the Rent Bond Guarantee Scheme.</p>
6	System Developments	Freeing up capacity to support the Rapid Rehousing Approach	Sought approval from the ICT Transformation Board to commission and integrate our housing application to make it an online process. New process to be fully implemented by April 2020.
7	St. Catherine's Square Redevelopment	Increase the availability of settled accommodation	Completed an options appraisal on the housing type and layout. Consultation on potential options to begin in January 2020 with a variety of stakeholders.
8	Temporary and Hostel Accommodation	Ensuring temporary accommodation is available for those that require it and that it continues to meet the set Standards	<p>Reduced Bed &amp; Breakfast placements from 4 to 1 placement.</p> <p>Temporary and hostel accommodation are routinely monitored and inspected to ensure compliance with the set Standards.</p> <p>One homeless hostel provided by the third sector, CATH House, has been remodelled to provide supported accommodation for people with multiple and complex needs.</p>
9	Better understanding of the local homelessness context	Identifying the linkages between health and homelessness and drug and alcohol issues.	Homelessness Research project underway and initial draft findings and key recommendations presented to the Home First Steering Group for actions to be progressed. Most of the key findings relate to:

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• better joint working between departments/agencies to tackle multiple and complex needs</li> <li>• concern about access to mental health and addiction services</li> <li>• better community-based support</li> <li>• addressing missed opportunities around families requiring support</li> </ul>
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