

## **Policy, Finance and Housing Committee**

**18<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

### **Housing Performance Overview**

#### **Introduction**

This report provides the committee with a summary of the key performance indicators for housing services. Due to collection of Q3 data still being verified the data the summary profiles performance between April 2021 to September 2021.

#### **Summary**

##### **Affordable Housing**

- 110 affordable homes have been delivered to the period ending Sept 2021. Of this 26 were affordable rent, 43 social rent and 41 shared ownership.
- Several New Housing developments with affordable housing provision have started works with further delivery of new affordable homes due in the coming months.

##### **Housing Options**

- The Housing Register contained 1,294 households at the end of September, this has been a consistent position over the past few years and the volume has not been affected by the policy changes implemented last year.
- 219 properties have been let through the register.
- 459 initial assessments were made by the Housing Options Team. 190 were due a prevention duty, 255 a relief duty and 14 were not threatened with homelessness.
- 197 prevention duties ended with 115 (58%) ended because that secured accommodation for more than 6 months.
- 287 relief duties ended with 151 (53%) having the 56 day relief period elapsing and therefore moving to main duty and 82 (29%) ended because they secured accommodation for more than 6 months.
- 161 main duty decisions were assessed and made, of which 110 (68%) were found unintentionally homeless and provided with a full duty. 2 (1%) were found intentionally homeless and 49 (30%) were found to be non-priority need for accommodation.
- 321 households we owed a statutory duty were living in Temporary Accommodation at the end of September. 226 (70%) of these are housed in nightly let accommodation. This is the higher than any previous reporting period.
- 36 households were placed in temporary accommodation that fell outside of our statutory duty (rough sleeping or COVID placement).

##### **Private Sector Housing**

- 95 new referrals for a Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG) received.
- 64 DFGs were completed.

- The DFG budget for 2021/22 is £2,525,500 and £3,615,993 was rolled over from the previous year. £914,496 has been spent and a further £2,108,304 has been committed. The DFG budget is ringfenced and can not be allocated to other areas of the service.
- 40 targeted long-term empty properties brought back into use.
- £25k has been loaned through the KCC No Use Empty scheme.
- 63 housing enforcement cases completed with 10 (16%) having formal housing notices served.
- 7 drainage cases completed with no formal notices served.
- 4 new applications for Licensable Houses of Multiple Occupation (HMO's.)
- 2 risk assessments completed for non-licensable HMO's.
- 4 Houses of Multiple Occupation (HMO) assessed as high risk had action taken
- £18,458 of winter warmth grants provided

### **Home Improvement Agency**

- 911 enquiries to the service
- 410 jobs completed by the handyperson scheme
- 114 health referrals
- 47 early hospital discharges completed
- 81 health and safety checks completed
- 249 preventative (falls and hospital admission) cases completed
- 16 Domestic abuse sanctuary cases completed.