
Report To:	Health & Social Care Committee	Date:	19th October 2017
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Subject:	Homelessness and Temporary Accommodation		

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The homelessness landscape is currently complex with recent legislative changes and the impact of Welfare Reforms presenting major challenges to provision of temporary accommodation. This report advises of the current work underway to review the current temporary accommodation model and consider alternative models for the service in the longer term. This will form the basis of a new temporary accommodation strategy to meet the increased support needs of homeless households and mitigate the financial impacts of welfare reforms.

2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 In February 2016 the Health and Social Care Committee received a report outlining the current performance and challenges for the Homelessness Service, and specifically temporary accommodation provision. The report highlighted the age of the Inverclyde Centre and the public perception of the centre, and the reduced demand for temporary accommodation, together with the cost implications, and therefore the need to review the existing temporary accommodation model and consider alternative models in the longer term.
- 2.2 There is a need to develop a model of temporary accommodation which is financially sustainable, can meet the needs of homeless households and delivers best value. Inverclyde HSCP and Inverclyde Council are committed to ensuring that homeless households are provided sufficient levels of appropriate safe and secure temporary accommodation to meet their needs.
- 2.3 In addition to analysis of service uptake, it is recognised that appropriate financial modelling is required to ensure value for money and efficiency, developing cost effective service solutions for the future.
- 2.4 Arneil Johnston was commissioned in April 2017 to undertake detailed work to inform the development of a strategy for the future provision, and develop options for the range of accommodation solutions which will best meet the needs of our local population. This process has been ongoing in recent months and will reach its conclusion in the near future.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 That the Committee notes the work which Arneil Johnston is currently undertaking in respect of a Temporary Accommodation Review. This will support the development of a delivery plan and financial model in respect of an improved service which more accurately responds to the needs of service users

This is undertaken through six clear identifiable actions:

1. Analysing the need for temporary accommodation
2. Analysing existing temporary accommodation supply
3. Redefining the temporary accommodation supply model
4. Developing a temporary accommodation financial business plan
5. Delivering an option appraisal process of the optimum service model
6. Final reporting

3.2 That the Members of the Health & Social Care Committee receive a briefing on the outcome of the Temporary Accommodation Review, including the options for the future provision within Inverclyde.

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4.0 BACKGROUND

4.1 The review will make a valuable contribution to several strategic aims and objectives as set out in the:-

- Inverclyde HSCP Strategic Plan
- Inverclyde Alliance Single Outcome Agreement/LOIP
- Inverclyde Local Housing Strategy 2017-2022
- Inverclyde Corporate Parenting Strategy 2016-2019 and
- Inverclyde Community Justice Outcomes Improvement Plan 2017-2022

4.2 In recent years, a number of factors including financial pressures on the delivery of public services as well as DWP changes to the Housing Benefit subsidy framework for temporary accommodation have placed considerable pressure on the delivery of temporary accommodation. As a result, the number and profile of homeless applicants have changed and data confirms an increased level of single person households, as well as a higher level of identified support needs.

4.3 An initial review of the data also highlights the following key issues:

- Homeless households have a younger age profile with the predominant age of homeless households being those aged 26-59 years who accounted for 64% of all applicants in 2015/16
- Young people aged 16-25 represent just 12% of the population but 32% of homeless households
- Single male households account for 67% of all homeless households, compared to 67% nationally
- Single parent households have reduced 67% since 2011/12
- Prison leavers account for 95% of all applicants discharged from an institution
- 64% of all homeless households accept an offer of temporary accommodation
- 72% of all homeless households assessed as having a support need, of which 41% had multiple support needs

5.0 PROPOSALS

5.1 A full review of Temporary Accommodation is being undertaken by Arneil Johnston with assistance from Officers.

Service needs and options are being modelled and the final report with options for consideration document will be produced by the end of October 2017.

A further full report which examines future options will be brought to a future Committee for members consideration.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS

Finance

6.1 The financial commitment to the Temporary Accommodation review is as follows:-

Financial Implications:

One off Costs

Funded from social care fund.

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	Budget Years	Proposed Spend this Report £000	Virement From	Other Comments
		2017/18	£13		

Annually Recurring Costs/ (Savings)

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	With Effect from	Annual Net Impact £000	Virement From (if Applicable)	Other Comments
N/A					

Legal

6.2 No implications

Human Resources

6.3 No implications

Equalities

6.4 Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out?

	YES (see attached appendix)
√	NO - This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend a change to an existing policy, function or strategy. Therefore, no Equality Impact Assessment is required.

Repopulation

6.5 No implications

7.0 CONSULTATIONS

7.1 None

8.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

8.1 Report to Health & Social Care Committee – SW/12/2016/DG.