

Housing & Homelessness Overview and Scrutiny Panel

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Homelessness Update

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Homes for Ukraine Scheme

- **Current Numbers**

- Visa Applications - 223 Sponsors, 456 guests
- Arrivals – 167 Sponsors, 350 guests
- 16 households accommodated in the PRS
- 65 6-month home visits completed
- Several households returned to Ukraine

- **Emerging Homelessness situation**

- 3 households accommodated in Temporary accommodation but only for a short period

- **Scheme Updates**

- Payments to hosts extended for another 12 months
- Where Ukrainian household has been with hosts for 12 months the payment increases to £500pm
- We are working with Hampshire to increase funding to all hosts to £500
- Personal payment fund available to support transport, IT etc.



Homelessness Updates

New Rough Sleeper Initiative funding round 4 2022-25

- 3 year settlement notified July 2022 - £730,000
 - Funding for bespoke accommodation solutions for Rough Sleepers
 - Employment Services
 - Counselling
 - Winter funding
 - Continuation of MH Practitioner and Support Team
 - Ends March 2025

Accommodation for Ex-Offenders (AfEO)

- 2 year funding - £150,000
- 24 tenancies in the PRS
- 1 Support Worker

DLUCH Rough Sleeper Advisor visit 9 November 2022

- Met with support worker
- Met ex-rough sleepers in accommodation
- Positive feedback - Next visit in February

Homelessness Updates

Social Housing Accommodation Programme (SHAP)

- Requested DLUCH/Homes England lead with RPs in partnership with NFDC
 - Meeting to be held in March TBC

Domestic Abuse Act New Burdens Funding

- 2 years of additional funding
- Working with HCC and other Districts
 - Working internally with Community Safety
 - Proposal to produce a Needs Assessment and Council Domestic Abuse Strategy

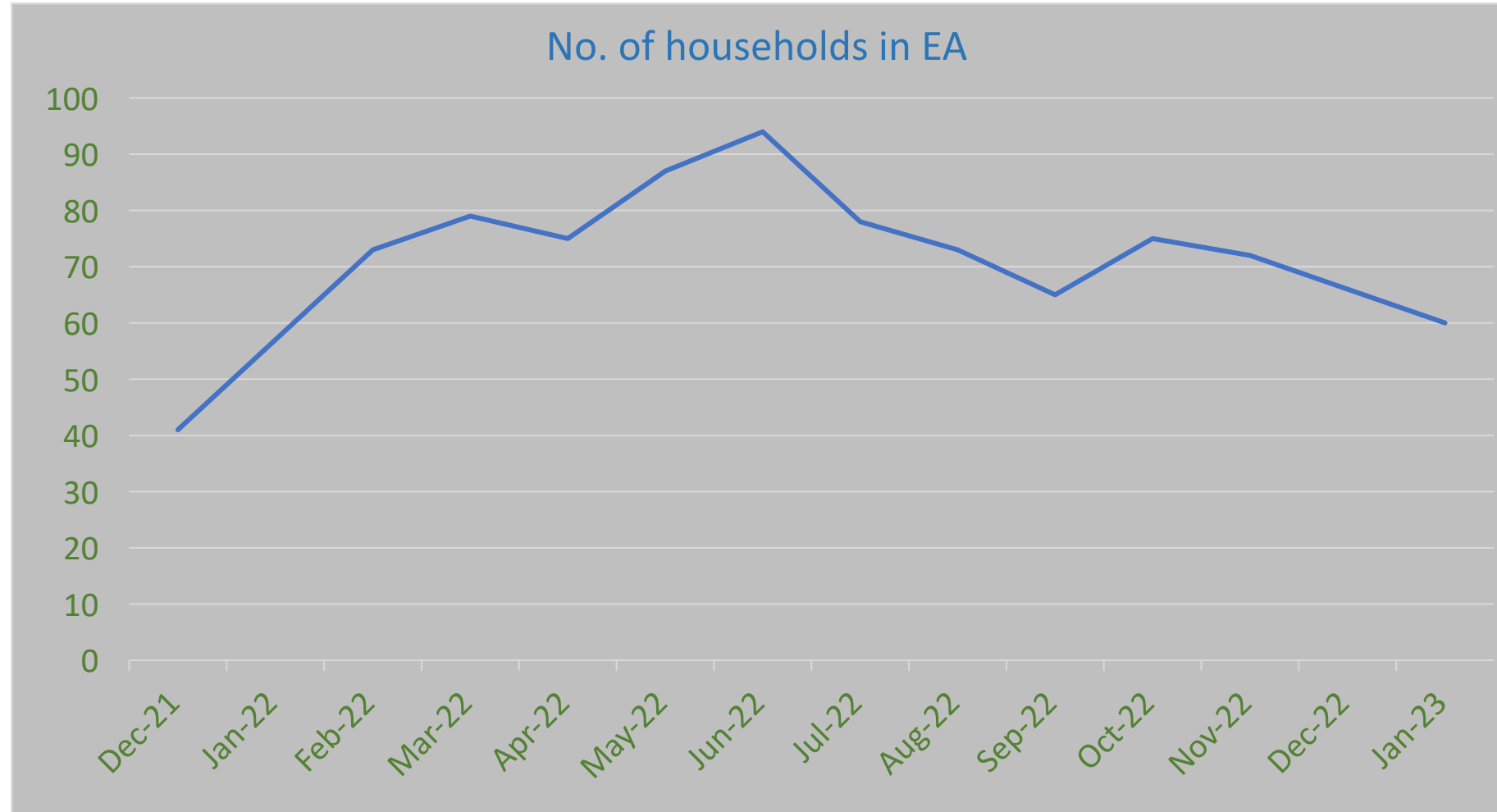
The Local Authority Housing Fund

- Ensure arrivals on Afghan and Ukraine schemes are provided with sufficient longer-term accommodation
- Mitigate the expected increased pressures on local authority homelessness and housing resources
- Reduce emergency, temporary and bridging accommodation costs
- Create a legacy of a new permanent supply of accommodation to help address local housing and homelessness pressures.

Homelessness Updates

Emergency Accommodation as at 17/01/23

- 30 families – (48 in June 2022)
- 30 Singles (46 in June 2022)
- 23 Nominations to TA and housing register for the above in place



Homelessness Updates

Current Trends

- Recognition of dedication of staff to improving situation
- Reduction in TA placements and expenditure despite consistent level of approaches
- Increased staff levels increasing capacity to:
 - reduce caseloads
 - Allow additional time to triage cases and prevent homelessness
 - allow dedicated time to support move on from TA
 - Increase numbers of home visits to family and friend evictions
- Increased access to PRS
 - Building additional relationships with Landlords
 - Additional finances made available to secure housing
- Upturn in Social Housing offers
- DLUCH Homelessness Advisor happy with progress

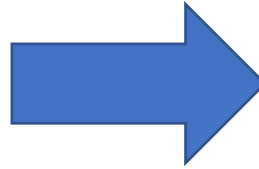
Rough Sleepers

- 3 current rough sleepers –
 - Last of complex cohort
 - 2 with offers in place, 1 refuses accommodation
- 3 new rough sleepers accommodated
- Tourlands House currently full
- Rumbridge Street rough sleeper building occupied in phased approach

Statistics

Housing Register

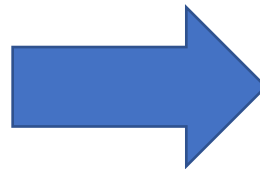
Band	March 2021	June 2021	Sep 2021	Jan 2022	March 2022	June 2022	Jan 23
1	17	20	24	21	19	20	22
2	226	245	256	283	272	274	306
3	369	413	421	408	415	438	495
4	655	672	688	696	679	696	795
Total	1,267	1,350	1,389	1,408	1,385	1,428	1,618



Housed Applicants

Band	June 2021	Sep 2021	Jan 2022	March 2022	June 2022	Jan 2023
1	22	10	10	14	13	19
2	88	39	57	33	33	110
3	36	26	20	11	6	17
4	21	8	7	4	5	10
Total	167	83	104	62	57	156

Bedroom need	Count of Applicants	%
1 bedroom	714	44.1
2 bedroom	525	32.4
3 bedroom	290	17.9
4 or more bedrooms	89	5.5
Grand Total	1,618	



Bedroom need	Count of Applicants	%
1 bedroom	70	44.8
2 bedroom	42	26.9
3 bedroom	40	25.6
4 or more bedrooms	4	2.6
Grand Total	156	

Questions?