

Housing Focus on Homelessness 2023 to 2024: Quarter 4

Annex 6 provides context to the Q4 Revenue Budget Monitoring report (See Annex 2).

Snapshot as on the 31 March 2024

128 households in temporary accommodation

1,302 households on the waiting list for social housing

23 single people in emergency accommodation

33 households with children in emergency accommodation

56 households in emergency accommodation

Up
24%

45
from 2022/23

2023 to 2024 (end of Quarter 4) compared to previous year there were:

1,868 households approaching due to the threat of homelessness

Up
35%

1,385
from 2022/23

736 households owed a statutory homeless duty

Up
26%

585
from 2022/23

359 positive outcomes

Up
9%

329
from 2022/23

213 lets to social housing vacancies

Down
29%

300
from 2022/23

Other explanatory notes

- 873 of households that approached due to threat of homelessness indicated that affordability of accommodation was an issue.
- Over 1,423 applications received to join the waiting list and 584 accepted year to date.
- Total spend on bed & breakfast and emergency accommodation in 2023 to 2024 has increased to £1.367m (now equivalent to 6% of the overall Council's budget). This was funded by an existing housing budget of £0.442m, plus use of a Homelessness Prevention Grant (HPG) plus other housing grants received by the council in the year. Also, for the first time, the council had to use £0.125m of its homelessness prevention reserve which now has a reduced balance of £1.075m. It should also be noted that the HPG is not guaranteed every year by Government.