

# Housing, Homelessness & Fair Work Committee

10am, Thursday, 31 October 2019

## Rapid Rehousing Transition Plan – Engagement Plan

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### 1. Recommendations

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1.1 Committee is asked to note the content of the engagement plan.

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# Report

## Rapid Rehousing Transition Plan – Engagement Plan

### 2. Executive Summary

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- 2.1 The Housing & Economy Committee agreed the Council's Rapid Rehousing Transition Plan (RRTP) on 21 March 2019. The report noted that engagement with relevant partners would be required for future iterations of the RRTP. This report sets out the planned engagement with partners and service users.

### 3. Background

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- 3.1 The Scottish Government instructed all local authorities to produce a five year, costed RRTPs by 31 December 2018. This followed recommendations from the Scottish Government's Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Action Group (HARSAG).
- 3.2 Due to the timescale, officers completed a draft RRTP and submitted this to Scottish Government by the 31 December 2018 deadline but made it clear that it would require agreement from the Housing & Economy Committee, this was done on 31 March 2019.
- 3.3 The definition of rapid rehousing is, where homelessness cannot be prevented:
- 3.3.1 A settled, mainstream housing outcome as quickly as possible.
  - 3.3.2 Time spent in any form of temporary accommodation reduced to a minimum, with as few transitions as possible.
  - 3.3.3 When temporary accommodation is needed, the optimum type is mainstream, furnished and within a community.

### 4. Main report

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- 4.1 Engagement is required with relevant partners, elected members, service users and frontline workers in homelessness to deliver a second iteration of the RRTP.
- 4.2 In order to do this an engagement plan has been developed and is attached as appendix 1. A summary of this is noted below.

- 4.3 **RRTP Consultation Event for Partners** – the event will be held on 9 October 2019. Invites have been sent to around 80 people including third sector homeless providers in Edinburgh, health and social care colleagues, EdIndex Board members, Inclusive Edinburgh representatives and Elected Members.
- 4.4 The event programme includes an introduction by Kevin Stewart (MSP) Minister for Local Government, Housing and Planning and a world café style event where attendees will be able to give feedback and offer innovative ideas on how to achieve rapid rehousing in Edinburgh.
- 4.5 This event will be followed by smaller focus groups to explore specific topics if further exploration is required.
- 4.6 **Service User Consultation** – Officers are working with third sector colleagues to develop a series of consultation events with people who have experienced or are currently experiencing homelessness in Edinburgh.
- 4.7 **Frontline Staff** – Regular attendance at homeless services team meetings to provide opportunity for frontline staff to provide feedback. A bi-monthly section in the Partnership & Planning and RRTP Newsletter will also provide frontline staff (and partners) with regular updates on the RRTP.
- 4.8 The RRTP Lead Officer will also attend the Inclusive Edinburgh Board, SHAPE and the EdIndex Board on a regular basis to ensure that partners are kept up to date with development of the RRTP and have the opportunity to provide regular feedback.
- 4.9 A dedicated RRTP email address has been created which can be used by all partners to provide feedback.

## 5. Next Steps

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- 5.1 All feedback received will be considered in the development of the second iteration of the Edinburgh RRTP.
- 5.2 The updated RRTP will be presented to this Committee for agreement.

## 6. Financial impact

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- 6.1 There will be costs associated with hiring venues for consultation events. These will be met from existing budgets.

## 7. Stakeholder/Community Impact

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- 7.1 Stakeholders will be consulted on to develop the second iteration of the RRTP.

## **8. Background reading/external references**

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- 8.1 [The City of Edinburgh Council Rapid Rehousing Transition Plan](#).
- 8.2 The recommendations of the Scottish Governments [HRSAG](#).

## **9. Appendices**

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- 9.1 Appendix 1 – RRTP Engagement Plan.

## Engagement Plan for RRTP

Who	How
Frontline staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Regular attendance at team meetings.</li><li>• Attendance at consultation event.</li><li>• Updates via bi – monthly Partnership &amp; Planning and RRTP newsletter.</li></ul>
Stakeholders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Stakeholder event.</li><li>• Focus groups following consultation event.</li><li>• Attendance at SHAPE.</li><li>• EdIndex board attendance.</li><li>• Inclusive Edinburgh board attendance.</li></ul>
Service Users	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Service user consultation event(s) being developed with third sector partners.</li></ul>
All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dedicated RRTP feedback email</li></ul>