

Questions submitted from Members:

Conservative Members Questions for 17 June 2020 Housing Committee

Cllr Mary Mears:

How many people who were verified rough sleepers have been accommodated between 27 March (as the date local authorities were instructed to bring everyone in) and the 14.06.2020 and how this compares to the same period last year.

Cllr Dawn Barnett:

How will the chair of housing address council tenants' concerns after the change from estate inspections to work undertaken by Field Officers, despite funding for the service from the HRA towards their posts. Tenants feel that the service has deteriorated under Field Officers and their estates are being neglected.

Cllr Dawn Barnett:

Can the Chair of Housing provide details as to (i) the total number of Field Officers, (ii) the number actually working on housing-related issues, and (iii) the approximate percentage of overall Field Officer time that is spent on housing-related issues?

Green Group Questions for Housing committee on 17th June 2020

From Cllr Alex Phillips

- 1) For the last week, 7-14 June, how many new verified rough sleepers were found and housed and how many other homeless households were housed by housing options?
- 2) For the week 7-14 June, how many rough sleepers and how many other homeless households lacking a local connection were safely reconnected?
- 3) As of 15 June how many rough sleepers and other homeless are living in hotels, student halls and other emergency accommodation?
- 4) As of 15 May how many rough sleepers and other homeless had been accommodated in hotels, student halls and other emergency accommodation?
- 5) As of 15 June what was the room capacity of symptomatic, hotel, guesthouse and student accommodation acquired and what is the occupancy of these rooms?

From Cllr David Gibson

- 6) As of 14 June, how many Personal Housing Plans had housing options completed since beginning of April for a) Verified rough sleepers b) other homeless people housed in the lockdown

- 7) How many of 10 additional Housing First group taken on for the year 19/20 have secured settled accommodation and how many are still waiting to be housed through the Council Interest Queue under the allocations policy?
- 8) What have been the maximum and minimum symptomatic facility occupancy rates during May and up to week commencing Monday 8 June expressed as a percentage of the capacity for the building? What was the average occupancy rate in this period?
- 9) Please provide the number of evictions from emergency accommodation for 1 April 2018- 31 March 2019 and for 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020 and for each year please indicate the percentage that were re-accommodated following eviction.
- 10) Please provide as a table the number of evictions in emergency accommodation for 18/19 and 19/20 (requested above) broken down for each of the following accommodation providers (Baron Homes, Helgor trading (and new owner of Helgor properties), Moretons, Colgate and Gray, and spot purchase) expressed as a percentage of the number of units provided by each of the providers.
- 11) How many allocations under the Council Interest Queue were made to Families Children and Learning and to Adult Social care between 1 August 2017 and 1 March 2020*? (and what was the total number of allocations for this period?)
- 12) How many verified Rough Sleeper benefit claims are completed for:
 - a) Verified rough sleepers
 - b) Other homeless people housed since lockdown?

From Cllr Martin Osborne

- 13) Between 1 May 2019 and 1 June 2020 how many:
 - homes were sold under the right to buy?
 - additional council homes provided?
 - additional council homes provided at LHA rents?
 - additional council homes provided at 37.5% Living wage rents?
 - additional council homes provided at 27.5% Living wage rents (Ie Living rents)?
 - additional council homes provided at social rents?

* If data not known to the 1st of March 2020 then as late as possible
- 14) What provision is being made in anticipation of demand from those likely to be evicted from private rented sector accommodation when the embargo is lifted?
- 15) What was the rent collection rate in a) emergency and b) temporary housing
 - c) council owned housing for the months 1) Jan and Feb 2020 and for months 2) April and May 2020?

From Cllr Siriol Hugh Jones

16. How many rough sleepers have been identified with no recourse to public funds and what steps have been taken to put them in touch with voluntary organisations that could provide support?
17. What provision has been put in place for rough sleepers with dogs?

18. As the lockdown measures have relaxed, what has been the incidence of former rough sleepers leaving their interim accommodation? What follow up measures are taken when this occurs?
19. How many have left and are known to be rough sleeping again?
20. How many verified rough sleepers refused the offer of accommodation?
21. What was the expenditure on responsive repairs of council accommodation for a) Jan and Feb 2020 and b) April and May 2020?

