

RAPID REHOUSING TRANSITION PLAN

Monitoring Report - activity and funding
(RRTP funding - part of the Ending
Homelessness Together Fund)

Monitoring of Implementation of Rapid Rehousing Transition



Plans

As part of the Scottish Government's Ending Homelessness Together Fund, funding of £8m was agreed with COSLA for 2020/21 and additional funding of £5m was provided to local authorities from the Winter Support for Social Protection fund to all local authorities to support the implementation of Rapid Rehousing Transition Plans (RRTPs). We are asking all local authorities to provide a written report on how they have spent their allocation of funding and progress to date. We would ask local authorities to remember to include funding carried over from 2019/20.

We would ask that all local authorities complete this report and include it with their amended RRTP for 2021/22 or latest version available which should be submitted to the Scottish Government by **30 June 2021**. We realise this may be subject to final accounts being cleared by Audit.

Included is a template to provide detail on specific activities which should be replicated for each activity you have taken forward in implementing your Rapid Rehousing Transition Plan. For example we are looking for information on specific activities such as prevention; recruitment of staff; temporary accommodation; shared tenancies; Housing First; or mediation.

We have also included a template for reporting on RRTP funding which has not been spent during 2020/21 and how local authorities plan to spend it during 2021/22.

Please submit this report, RRTP, an updated EQIA and any accompanying documents to: RapidRehousingTransitionPlansMailbox@gov.scot

If there are any questions then please send them to the mailbox and a member of the team will contact you to discuss.

Local Engagement and Rapid Rehousing Team

Details of funding recipient

Local Authority	Scottish Borders		
Reporting Period	01/04/2020 <small>DD/MM/YYYY</small>	to	31/03/2021 <small>DD/MM/YYYY</small>
Reporting Officer	David Kemp		
Position	Homelessness and Financial Support Manager		
Date Completed			
RRTP Funding carried over from 2019/20	£176,500 (includes £35K carried over from 18/19)		
RRTP Funding received for 2020/21 <small>£8m RRTP Funding confirmed 17/08/20</small>	£167,000		
Winter Support Fund received for 2020/21 <small>£5m Funding confirmed on 18/12/20</small>	£105,000		

2020/21 Activity

Activity Name:	RRTP Development Officer/s
Activity Description: Provide a short overview of the aims and the transformative nature of this activity.	<p>The purpose of the RRTP Development Officer post is to proactively develop the Scottish Borders RRTP and co-ordinate the implementation and review of the RRTP in order to achieve the transformation to and embedding of rapid rehousing and Housing First across all the partner agencies within the 5 year delivery period.</p> <p>This includes contributing to the ongoing strategic and operational development of the multi-agency approach to Rapid Rehousing in the Scottish Borders and to developing policies, procedures, guidelines, training, communications and other</p>

	<p>materials as set out in the Scottish Borders Council Rapid Rehousing Transition Plan action plan.</p> <p>In addition, temporary Development Officer and Development Assistant posts have been identified in order to support the work of the RRTP Dev't Officer and compensate for time lost as a result of the delay in recruiting to the RRTP Dev't Officer post and of the further delaying impact of COVID. These posts are making use of previously unspent RRTP funding which had originally been intended for meeting the costs of the RRTP Dev't Officer from April 2019,</p>								
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<p>Overview of progress made to date:</p> <p>Provide a short summary of the work undertaken in the past year, progress made and challenges.</p>	<p>The COVID-19 emergency significantly restricted the anticipated application of these resources.</p> <p>Despite the pandemic progress was made in the following areas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing First tendering • Development and launch of Crisis Intervention Funds • Crash Pad launch • Review of the RRTP action plan, realigning the priorities of the Border Health and Homelessness strategic partnership to support recovery following the COVID-19 emergency. • Full Integrated Impact Assessment undertaken. 								
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	Development Officer and Development Assistant resource.		
<p>Implementation in 2021/22:</p> <p>Provide a short summary of the aims and targets for this activity during 2021/22.</p>	<p>Aims and targets are as described in the Scottish Borders RRTP 2019/20-2023/24 Action Plan - Reviewed and Updated by the Borders Homelessness and Health Strategic Partnership, May 2021.</p>		
<p>Plans for mainstreaming this activity:</p> <p>Provide detail of the timescale and plans to mainstream / when this activity will end:</p>	<p>As per the Resource Plan section of the Scottish Borders RRTP 2019/20-2023/24, the RRTP Dev't Officer post is scheduled to end at the end of 2023/2024.</p> <p>The additional Development Officer and Development Assistant resources are currently scheduled to end at the end of 2021/2022.</p>		

2020/21 Activity

Activity Name:	Crisis Intervention Fund			
Activity Description: Provide a short overview of the aims and the transformative nature of this activity.	<p>To establish two funds, totalling £30,000 per annum that will be administered by Scottish Borders Councils Homelessness and Financial Inclusion Teams.</p> <p>A 'Housing Intervention Fund', will aim to improve the housing options available to applicants who are in need of our intervention due to rent arrears and who often face the prospect of being homeless due to falling behind with their rent payments. It is anticipated that this fund will be closely linked with the ongoing review of Section 11.</p> <p>The remaining £10,000 per annum will form a 'Homelessness Intervention Fund' accessible by front line workers within the homelessness team to use in the prevention or resolution of homelessness with separate guidance developed, it should be noted that given the varying and complex reasons for homelessness, any application which demonstrates a contribution to the prevention or resolution of homelessness will be considered.</p>			
Allocation Spent on activity:		SG RRTP funding	Local Authority funding	Other
	£	11,000		
Overview of progress made to date: Provide a short summary of the work undertaken in the past year, progress made and challenges.	<p>The 'Housing Intervention Fund', was launched in February 2021. Seven households at risk of homelessness have been supported to remain in their tenancies.</p>			
Future spend planned on this activity in 2021/22:		SG RRTP Funding	Local Authority funding	Other
	£	34,000 (an additional £4000 for 2021/2022 due to carry forward of unspent monies from 2020/2021)		
Implementation in 2021/22: Provide a short summary of the aims and targets for this activity during 2021/22.	<p>Launch the Homelessness Intervention Fund in June 2021.</p>			
Plans for mainstreaming this activity:	<p>This activity will be funded for 3.5 years from the RRTP funding, at a cost £30,000 per annum. During this time full details of interventions will be collated along with assessment of costs avoided had the support not been provided. This information will be used to evidence the effectiveness of the interventions and</p>			

Provide detail of the timescale and plans to mainstream / when this activity will end:	thereby support the effort to mainstream the activity between partners.			
2020/21 Activity				
Activity Name:	Crash Pad			
Activity Description: Provide a short overview of the aims and the transformative nature of this activity.	Crash Pad has developed from the Scottish Borders RRTP 2019/20-2023/24 action to review our temporary accommodation model. The 'Crash Pad' would be a 1 bedroom property within central Borders that is leased from an RSL. It is anticipated that Crash Pad will contribute to the following key objectives; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • reduced average length of time spent in temporary accommodation, • reduced average length of case duration and improved assessment decision making timescales. • Increased efficiency of wider temporary accommodation stock • Manage risks of failing to meet the interim accommodation duty 			
Allocation Spent on activity:	£	SG RRTP funding	Local Authority funding	Other
		4,800		
Overview of progress made to date: Provide a short summary of the work undertaken in the past year, progress made and challenges.	A property has been identified and work is ongoing to prepare the property for use.			
Future spend planned on this activity in 2021/22:	£	SG RRTP Funding	Local Authority funding	Other
		5,600		
Implementation in 2021/22: Provide a short summary of the aims and targets for this activity during 2021/22.	To commence operational use of the Crash Pad by the end of June 2021.			
Plans for mainstreaming this activity: Provide detail of the timescale and plans to mainstream / when this activity will end:	The initial 'Crash Pad' will be funded from RRTP funding to 31 st March 2024 with an anticipated annual costs of £5,600. The project will be monitored in regards to its aim and objectives and additional 'Crash Pads' maybe introduced should it prove beneficial. Following the RRTP period, the ongoing cost of the 'Crash Pad/s' will be included within mainstream funding arrangements if it/they have been successful in contributing			

	towards rapid rehousing and an improved customer experience.		
2020/21 Activity			
Activity Name:	Housing First		
Activity Description: Provide a short overview of the aims and the transformative nature of this activity.	To develop and implement a two year pilot Housing First project.		
Allocation Spent on activity:		SG RRTP funding	Local Authority funding
	£ 0,000		Other
Overview of progress made to date: Provide a short summary of the work undertaken in the past year, progress made and challenges.	<p>Significant progress was made to pilot a Housing First Service within Scottish Borders. A multidisciplinary short life working group was established to develop the service specification, outlining the shared aspirations from the pilot. The pilot aims to provide Housing First support to 30 individuals over its lifespan and includes objectives regarding digital inclusion with further RRTP funding being committed.</p> <p>The working group consisted of members from four locally based RSLs, Alcohol and Drug Partnership, Violence Against Women Partnership, Homelessness and Housing Support services.</p> <p>Interested parties were invited to tender for the service in March 2021. Evaluation of the tender submissions remains ongoing at the time of writing, however, Scottish Borders looks forward to seeing a Housing First service operational in the Scottish Borders in July/August 2021/2022.</p>		
Future spend planned on this activity in 2021/22:		SG RRTP Funding	Local Authority funding
	£	£115,000 + £9,000 for digital and furnishings reserve fund	Other
Implementation in 2021/22: Provide a short summary of the aims and targets for this activity during 2021/22.	To appoint a service provider and commence service delivery.		

Plans for mainstreaming this activity: Provide detail of the timescale and plans to mainstream / when this activity will end:	Housing First will be Funded from RRTP funds for two years. Consideration will be given to extending the pilot into a third year to the end of 2023/24. When further understanding of costs and resources are available from monitoring the project, plans will be developed in regards to mainstreaming this activity.
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2020/21 Activity

Activity Name:	Peer Support Project		
Activity Description: Provide a short overview of the aims and the transformative nature of this activity.	<p>Scottish Borders received £5,600 to operate a 6 month pilot project via the East Housing Hub. Scottish Borders matched this funding to allow for an extended one year pilot project.</p> <p>The project aims to employ a part time Peer Supporter who will provide social, emotional or practical help to those experiencing homelessness. The pilot recognises that Peers who work in services and use their lived experience to help other people who are facing similar challenges, are often best placed to break down barriers and access other support networks.</p>		
Allocation Spent on activity:	£	SG RRTP funding	Local Authority funding
			5,600
Overview of progress made to date: Provide a short summary of the work undertaken in the past year, progress made and challenges.	The project is delivered by a third sector provider and Peer Supporter was recruited by Penumbra.		
Future spend planned on this activity in 2021/22:	£	SG RRTP Funding	Local Authority funding
	5,600		
Implementation in 2021/22: Provide a short summary of the aims and targets for this activity during 2021/22.	The initial peer supporter resigned their post due to personal circumstances. Recruitment of a new peer supporter has commenced.		

Plans for mainstreaming this activity: Provide detail of the timescale and plans to mainstream / when this activity will end:	Mainstreaming will be considered when further understanding of the resources required and the project outcomes become available.
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Unspent 2020/21 RRTP Funding

Please provide the total of 2020/21 funding provided by the Scottish Government for the implementation of the Rapid Rehousing Transition Plan in your area that has <u>not</u> been spent in 2020/21.	£	£269,272 of the total funding provided to date that will be carried forward into 2021/2022
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Provide detail of how this funding will be spent on implementing the Rapid Rehousing Transition Plan in 2021/22 detailing the area that it will be used in. Please make clear the individual amounts

ACTIVITY	FUNDING TO BE CARRIED FORWARD	
Housing First	£	£115,000 for provision of support provider £9,000 fund for digital access and additional furnishings. (Please note: the Housing First pilot project will be funded by RRTP monies to a total value of £248,000 over two years and is the primary reason for the carry forward of monies)
RRTP Private sector Officer	£	10,000 (£20,000 in 2022/2023. The funding allocation in each period may change depending on recruitment timescales)
Peer support	£	5,600
Crisis Intervention Funds	£	34,000
RRTP development resources	£	76,700

