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Wednesday 7 March 2018

Notice of Meeting

Dear Member

Economy and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Panel

The **Economy and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Panel** will meet in the **Council Chamber - Town Hall, Huddersfield** at **10.00 am** on **Thursday 15 March 2018**.

This meeting will be webcast live and will be available to view via the Council's website.

The items which will be discussed are described in the agenda and there are reports attached which give more details.

Please note that the Panel Meeting is due to finish at 11.00am to allow Councillors to participate in a separate meeting with representatives from Network Rail.

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Julie Muscroft

Service Director – Legal, Governance and Commissioning

Kirklees Council advocates openness and transparency as part of its democratic processes. Anyone wishing to record (film or audio) the public parts of the meeting should inform the Chair/Clerk of their intentions prior to the meeting.

The Economy and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Panel members are:-

Member

Councillor Rob Walker (Chair)

Councillor Martyn Bolt

Councillor Judith Hughes

Councillor Darren O'Donovan

Councillor Marielle O'Neill

Councillor Gemma Wilson

Mark Mercer (Co-Optee)

Agenda

Reports or Explanatory Notes Attached

Pages

1: Minutes of the Previous Meeting

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To approve the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 15 February 2018.

2: Membership of the Committee

This is where Councillors who are attending as substitutes will say for whom they are attending.

3: Interests

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The Councillors will be asked to say if there are any items on the Agenda in which they have disclosable pecuniary interests, which would prevent them from participating in any discussion of the items or participating in any vote upon the items, or any other interests.

4: Admission of the Public

Most debates take place in public. This only changes when there is a need to consider certain issues, for instance, commercially sensitive information or details concerning an individual. You will be told at this point whether there are any items on the Agenda which are to be discussed in private.

5: Homelessness and rough sleeping in Kirklees

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To consider a briefing note on the work of the Council and other local agencies and groups who deal with the issues of homelessness and rough sleeping in Kirklees.

Contact: - Helen Geldart, Head of Housing Services, 01484 221000.

6: Work programme

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To discuss and update the 2017/18 work programme for the Economy and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Panel.

This will involve:

- Brief recap of the topics considered in 2017/18
- Topics that are still outstanding
- Potential new topics for 2018/19

Contact: Steve Copley, Principal Governance and Democratic Engagement Officer. Tel: 01484 221000

7: Corporate performance reports for 2017/18

To discuss the availability and use of the Quarter 3 performance report, as presented to Cabinet on 20 February 2018.

Contact: - Steve Copley, Principal Governance and Democratic Engagement Officer. Tel: 01484 221000.

Contact Officer: Steve Copley

KIRKLEES COUNCIL

ECONOMY AND NEIGHBOURHOODS SCRUTINY PANEL

Thursday 15th February 2018

Present: Councillor Rob Walker (Chair)
Councillor Martyn Bolt
Councillor Judith Hughes
Councillor Darren O'Donovan
Councillor Marielle O'Neill

In attendance: Councillor Peter McBride
Councillor Julie Stewart-Turner

1 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the Panel meeting held on 18 January 2018, were presented and approved as a correct record.

Members also used this opportunity to discuss matters arising and to explain that:-

- Members of the Panel would like more information on the demand for and use of the bus and rail links between Dewsbury, Huddersfield and Leeds, in order to consider the options that will provide passengers with the best service(s) and shortest journey times. Keith Bloomfield, the Operations Manager for the West Yorkshire Transport Fund, agreed to try to provide this information
- Kieran Dunkin, Network Rail, has indicated that he should be available to meet with the Panel, on an informal basis, on 15 March 2018. Details of this meeting will be shared with a number of other councillors and officers.
- Public announcements on the commitment and investment in the Trans Pennine rail upgrade scheme (TRU), including possible plans for the electrification of the route, are still awaited.
- Northern Rail is looking to update the timetables for its Trans Pennine routes with public consultation and meetings being planned in March and April 2018
- More work is still required to try to get the bus and rail operators in Kirklees to co-ordinate and integrate the timetables for their local services in North and South Kirklees, to make it easier for members of the public to plan and undertake journeys.

2 Membership of the Committee

No apologies for absence were received or noted.

3 Interests

Councillors Martyn Bolt and Rob Walker declared non pecuniary interests in item 5 below, on the following basis:-

- Councillor Martyn Bolt – Member of the West Yorkshire Combined Authority (WYCA) Transport Committee
- Councillor Rob Walker – Chair of the Slaithwaite and Marsden Action for Rail Transport

4 Admission of the Public

The meeting was held in public session

5 Transport in Kirklees and West Yorkshire

The Panel welcomed the following officers to the meeting.

- Keith Bloomfield – Operations Manager for the West Yorkshire Transport Fund
- Simon Taylor - Head of Development Management

Keith Bloomfield and Simon Taylor introduced a presentation containing information on the development of the strategic road network and local road network, plus the implications for Kirklees.

The presentation focused on:-

- Projects and schemes within the major Strategic Road Network (SRN) managed by Highways England
- Projects and schemes which Kirklees has in the West Yorkshire Route Network (KRN)
- Department for Transport (DfT) road studies, working in collaboration with Transport for the North (TfN), for major road studies in to the (i) Northern Trans Pennine routes (A66 Penrith to Scotch Corner) (A69 Carlisle to Newcastle). (ii) The Trans Pennine Tunnel (Manchester to Sheffield) and (iii) The Manchester North-West Quadrant (Junctions 8-18 on the M60)
- The work of Transport for the North (TfN) which is expected to be granted statutory status by the Secretary of State by April 2018, which is already consulting upon a “Strategic Transport Plan”, a 30 year plan outlining how the connections across the North of England need to be transformed to drive economic growth by 2050.
- The work of Highways England (HE) and (i) the delays to the M62/M606 Chain Bar scheme and (ii) The 2019/2020 start date for the M62 smart motorway scheme (Junctions 20-25)
- The priority which the Department for Transport (DfT) affords to motorways and trunk roads through the Strategic Road Network (SRN) and to strategic local roads through the Major Road Network (MRN)

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- The priority which the West Yorkshire Key Roads Network (KRN) affords to the development of our local roads in West Yorkshire
- The benefits of having a local agreement on the West Yorkshire Key Road Network
- Key routes for attention in the Kirklees in the local route network
- A map showing the major road schemes within the Kirklees area which are currently planned for completion pre 2021 and post 2021

(NOTE:-The actual presentation, plus webcast of the discussion which took place during the meeting, is available via the Kirklees website)

In summary, the presentation and the discussion which followed focused on:-

- The welcome news that the Department for Transport and Highways England are looking to invest in the strategic road networks around the Leeds, Manchester and Sheffield areas.
- The need for these agencies to also consider the impact of these developments on the existing roads in the Kirklees area which people will use to access these improved strategic road networks, as some of these local roads may struggle to accommodate the extra traffic without significant improvements and/or investment too. For example, the A6024, A629 and A635 links to the improved Manchester and Sheffield routes
- Concerns that the current Transport for the North (TfN) consultation events on their Strategic Transport Plan do not include an event in Kirklees, and that the plan only contains a limited number of references to Kirklees and its transport needs. Members of the Panel are concerned by both of these issues. Keith Bloomfield agreed to raise these issues with TfN
- Concerns that the work by Transport for the North on its Strategic Transport Plan may be too focused on the development of the strategic road network and must consider the “bigger picture” if the development of better and more co-ordinated bus, rail and road links are ever to be addressed i.e. more roads could simply lead to more car journeys.
- The need for the Panel to look at the work of the Kirklees District Consultation Sub Committee in 2018/19 and the consultation which takes place on changes to local bus and rail services.
- The need for responses to the Strategic Transport Plan from both Kirklees and the West Yorkshire Combined Authority, to make sure that all of our concerns and representations are made. Cllrs Peter McBride and Rob Walker agreed to discuss the issues and key points for inclusion within the submission which Kirklees will make.

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- The need for officers to contact Highways England to discuss the timing of the traffic lights around the new and improved Chain Bar junction, to deal with some of the significant delays that are occurring around the Oakenshaw area and to improve upon the safety and journey times for local residents. Keith Bloomfield agreed to raise these issues with Highways England.

- A map showing the road schemes within the Kirklees area which are planned for completion pre 2021 and post 2021, and a request for this map to be developed to show other projects and schemes which have been suggested but are still just proposals or are still in the very earliest stages of the various feasibility and funding processes. Keith Bloomfield agreed to try to provide this information within a revised map.

- A plea that officers do brief local councillors as the work on each of the local schemes does begin to take shape e.g. the Mirfield to Dewsbury to Leeds link (M2D2L) so that councillors can provide local insight and views from residents.

RESOLVED:-

(1). That Keith Bloomfield and Simon Taylor be thanked for their attendance at today's meeting, plus their presentation on the development of strategic and local road links in Kirklees and West Yorkshire

(2). Members to submit any remaining questions about individual projects and schemes to Keith Bloomfield.

(3). That Cllr Rob Walker and officers be asked to follow up on the actions raised in today's debate.

6 Work programme

The Panel received a current copy of the work programme for 2017/18.

It was also noted that the potential items for the next Panel meeting on 15 March 2018, were likely to include:-

- A review of the work programme for the Panel in 2017/18, plus potential topics for 2018/19

- Housing (Homelessness and allocations policy)

- Transport - Discussion with Kieran Dunkin, Network Rail

RESOLVED:-

That the work programme be received and updated, and presented to the next meeting of the Panel on 15 March 2018.

7 Future meetings

The Panel were reminded that the next meeting should take place at 0930 on Thursday 15 March 2018, Council Chamber, Town Hall, Huddersfield

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However, members agreed that the start time for the meeting should be put back to 10:00.

RESOLVED:-

That the next meeting of the Panel will take place from 10:00-1230 on Thursday 15 March 2018, in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Huddersfield

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KIRKLEES COUNCIL			
COUNCIL/CABINET/COMMITTEE MEETINGS ETC			
DECLARATION OF INTERESTS			
Standards Committee			
Name of Councillor			
Item in which you have an interest	Type of interest (eg a disclosable pecuniary interest or an "Other Interest")	Does the nature of the interest require you to withdraw from the meeting while the item in which you have an interest is under consideration? [Y/N]	Brief description of your interest

Signed: Dated:

NOTES

Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

If you have any of the following pecuniary interests, they are your disclosable pecuniary interests under the new national rules. Any reference to spouse or civil partner includes any person with whom you are living as husband or wife, or as if they were your civil partner.

Any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit or gain, which you, or your spouse or civil partner, undertakes.

Any payment or provision of any other financial benefit (other than from your council or authority) made or provided within the relevant period in respect of any expenses incurred by you in carrying out duties as a member, or towards your election expenses.

Any contract which is made between you, or your spouse or your civil partner (or a body in which you, or your spouse or your civil partner, has a beneficial interest) and your council or authority -

- under which goods or services are to be provided or works are to be executed; and
- which has not been fully discharged.

Any beneficial interest in land which you, or your spouse or your civil partner, have and which is within the area of your council or authority.

Any licence (alone or jointly with others) which you, or your spouse or your civil partner, holds to occupy land in the area of your council or authority for a month or longer.

Any tenancy where (to your knowledge) - the landlord is your council or authority; and the tenant is a body in which you, or your spouse or your civil partner, has a beneficial interest.

Any beneficial interest which you, or your spouse or your civil partner has in securities of a body where -

- (a) that body (to your knowledge) has a place of business or land in the area of your council or authority; and
- (b) either -

the total nominal value of the securities exceeds £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that body; or

if the share capital of that body is of more than one class, the total nominal value of the shares of any one class in which you, or your spouse or your civil partner, has a beneficial interest exceeds one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that class.

Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Briefing Paper

Economy and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Panel

15 March 2018

Homelessness

Definitions

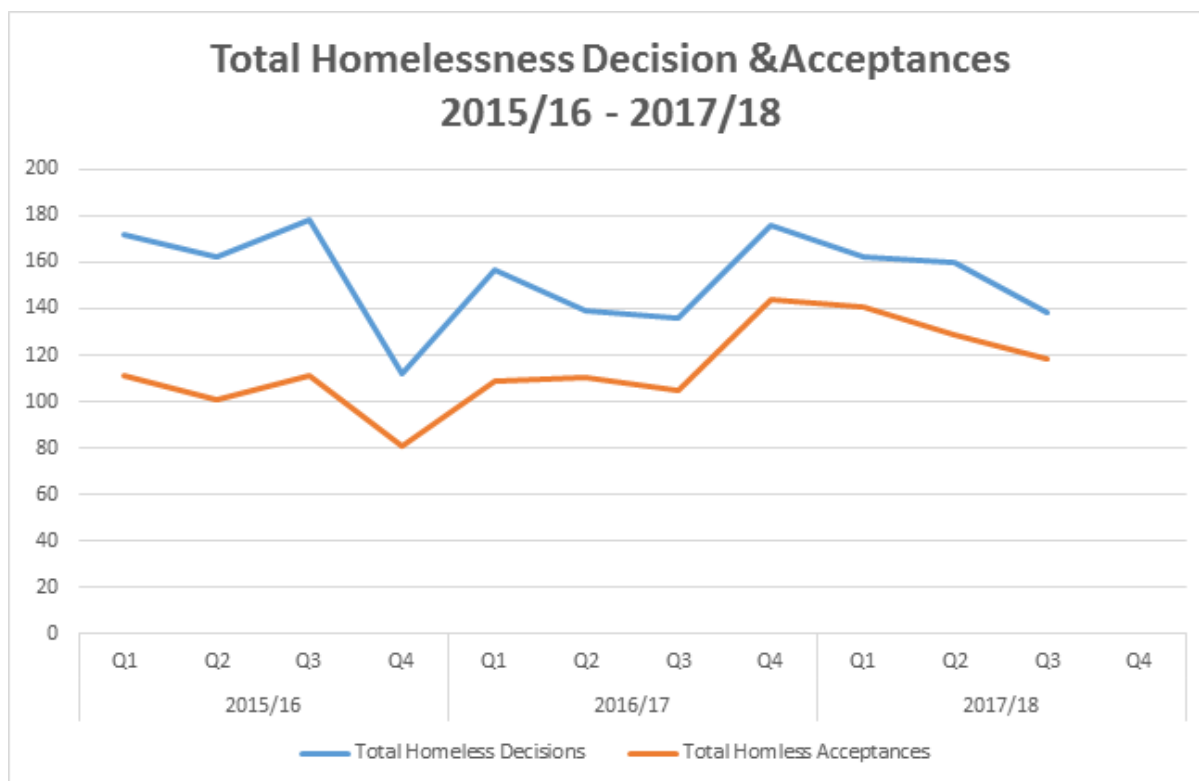
The term homelessness covers a range of circumstances from the extreme of being literally roofless, rough sleeping to those that are in insecure situations. This includes “sofa surfers”; people who have accommodation but are unable to access it for reasons such as domestic violence; those in temporary accommodation, those threatened with homelessness such as those with a legal notice to leave accommodation.

In legal terms we talk about those that are “statutory homeless”, these are households that are owed a full housing duty by the local authority. To be classed as statutory homeless the following tests are applied:

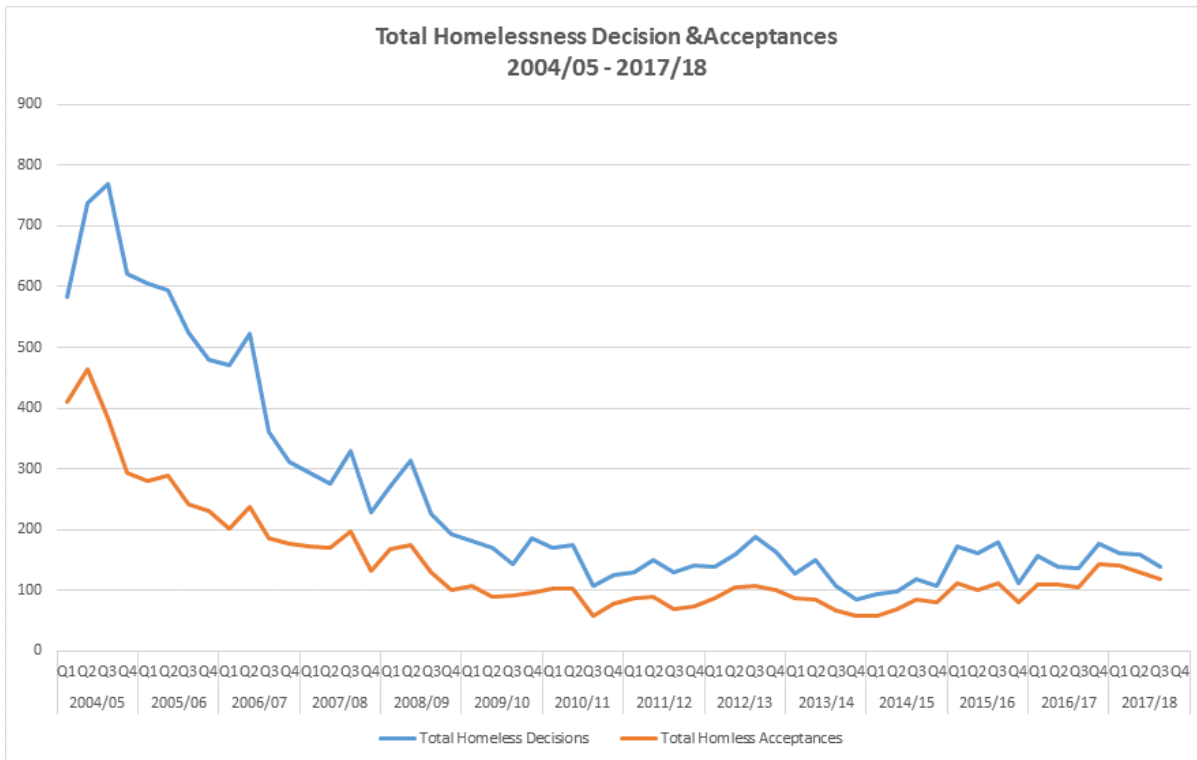
- Eligibility, this is designed to exclude some people by virtue of their immigration status;
- Is the household homeless or are threatened with homelessness within 28 days? (currently)
- Do they belong to a priority need group, ie people with children or singles who are considered vulnerable due to physical or other disabilities
- Are they unintentionally homeless, that is they have not made themselves homeless by their own actions
- Have a local connection to that local authority

Local Picture

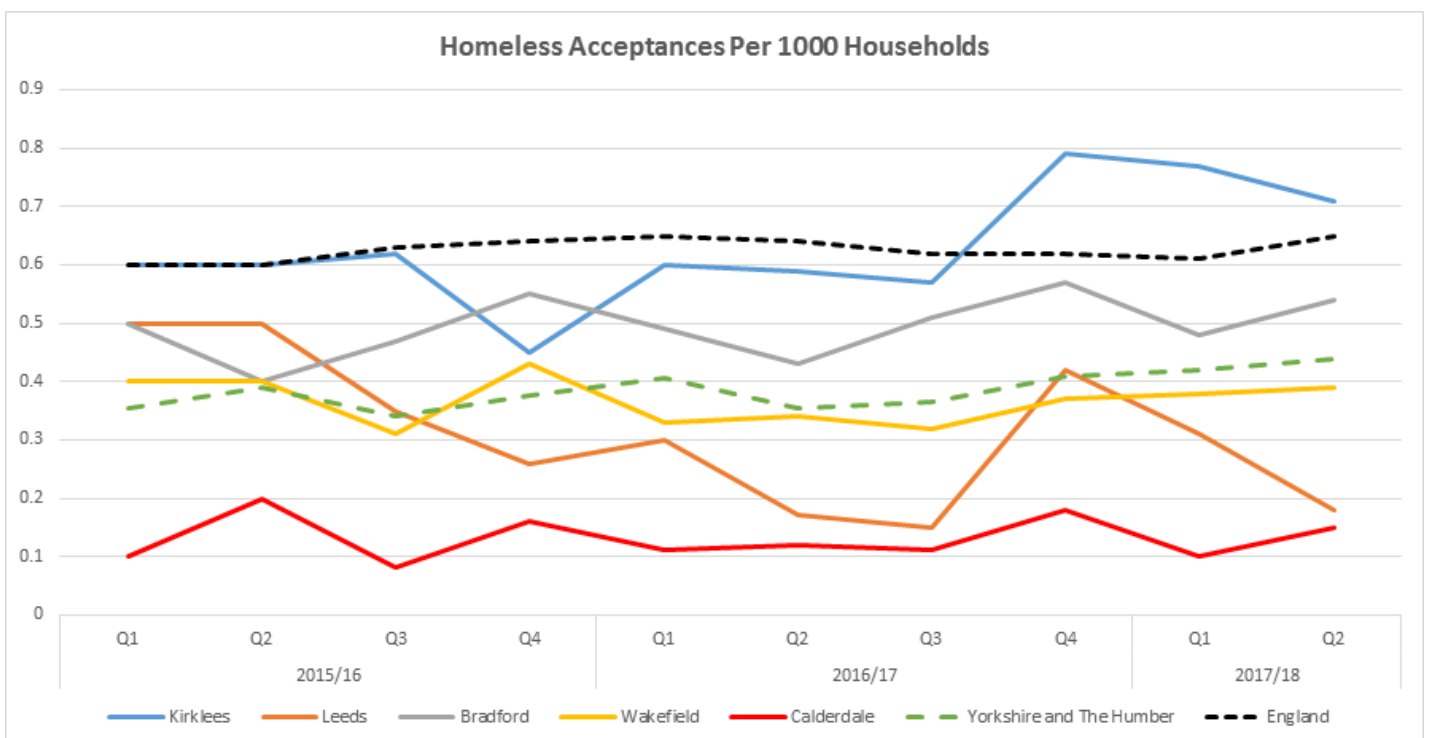
We have seen an upward trend in statutory homelessness acceptances since 2016, with the largest increase in Q4 of 2016/17.



However it is worth seeing the long term trend which has been downwards:



We can see how we compare to the other West Yorkshire local authorities, Yorkshire and Humber and national averages



As can be seen we accept more households per thousand than others in West Yorkshire and the wider region, although we are not far from the national average. In 2015 we took part in peer reviews with Bradford and Leeds, they commented that we appeared to be generous in how we applied the legislation. This is a positive for our customers as it means better outcomes for more households as in Kirklees they can access council tenancies. In comparison to some other local

authorities we assist more singles, other authorities often apply very strict vulnerability tests on single people, in effect acting as gate keepers. Later in this report we will see that we compare favourably on the number of rough sleepers to the rest of the country, one of the reasons is we assist people before ending up literally homeless.

Accepted homeless household types – Kirklees and England

Accepted Homeless Household Type	Kirklees	England
Couple with Dependent children	17%	22%
Lone Parent – Male	2%	4%
Lone Parent – Female	38%	47%
Total with Children	57%	73%
Single Person –Male	28%	13%
Single Person Female	13%	9%
Total without Children	41%	22%
Other	2%	5%

Causes of homelessness

The top three causes of homelessness in Kirklees in the last reporting quarter (September – December 2017) have changed significantly from previous quarters:

1. End of Assured Shorthold Tenancies (AST)
2. Violent breakdown of relationship involving a partner
3. Parents no longer willing to accommodate

This is the first quarter that the end of an AST has been the main cause of homelessness in Kirklees, it has normally been the 4th reason. Nationally it has been the main reason for homelessness for some time. In 2017 this accounted for only 9% of homeless acceptances compared to 27% in the rest of England, excluding London. It is too early to say the reason for this change, it could be that full roll out of Universal Credit last year is starting to have an impact. The other significant change we are seeing is the number of people approaching the service experiencing domestic abuse.

The increase has been across all household types, however the rise amongst singles is slightly higher. We believe that one of the main underlying reasons for family breakdowns is the sustained pressure on family finances, leading to violent and non-violent family breakdowns. Continued changes in welfare reforms are impacting on families and their resilience to cope. We are also seeing an increase in the number of people with mental health problems, this is in a period where access to mental health services is limited, although this is hidden because of how and what data is collected for Government returns. The complexity of pressures on the families and individuals approaching the Housing Solutions Service for assistance cannot be explained in one reason for homelessness.

As mentioned previously we accept more single people than other local authorities. The main priority need reason for singles is mental health issues followed by physical disability. As a service we do struggle to get help for people with mental health problems. In the past there were link workers employed by mental health services and this worked well, discussions to re-introduce this model stalled whilst mental health services went through a re-organisation. We were successful in a bid to the LGA for consultancy time to research and recommend options for improving access to the private rented sector with a particular focus on single people. We have just received the draft report and we will be progressing work on the options identified.

We use a range of tools to prevent homelessness such as providing specialist debt advice, a Sanctuary Scheme for those experiencing domestic abuse and negotiation with landlords. We use mediation with homeless 16 and 17 year olds and their families and have found it to be an effective tool to prevent homelessness. We have commissioned Yorkshire Mediation to train officers working with older people and families in mediation and negotiation skills.

Homelessness Reduction Act 2017

The Act is due to be implemented from 3 April 2018, this is the biggest change in homeless legislation in forty years. For the first time local authorities will have a duty to help prevent homelessness to all those that are threatened with homelessness, the definition of this has now been extended to within 56 days. In addition where a valid Section 21 notice for possession of a private rented tenancy has been received this should be classed as threatened with homelessness and the local authority should not insist that the landlord takes the case to court. Where homelessness cannot be prevented, there is a new duty to try to relieve homelessness. This is to help secure accommodation that is suitable and the expectation is it will be available for six months.

These new duties are not subject to priority need or intentionality and the Prevention duty does not have a local connection test. They are for anyone who is threatened with homelessness or is homeless. In addition there is a duty to agree a Personal Housing Plan (PHP) which should set out actions to secure and retain suitable accommodation, this places some responsibility on the applicant to cooperate with the plan and carry out any reasonable agreed actions. We see this as a positive change in the relationship between the service and the applicant. It needs to be noted that the full housing duty and the circumstances in which interim temporary accommodation must be provided are unchanged.

A new Duty to Refer has also been introduced for public bodies, including the Jobcentre, NHS, Ministry of Defence, Prisons and Social Services. This requires them to ask anyone they work with who they believe to be homeless or threatened with homelessness whether they want referring to a Local Authority for homelessness assistance. This comes into force in October 2018. A similar Act was introduced in Wales in 2014 and Southwark local authority have been a trailblazer for the Act for 12 months, both have found that preventions have increased, homeless acceptances have reduced, the numbers in temporary accommodation has decreased and customers have felt happier and listened to throughout the process.

We established a Project Board in the summer of 2017 to oversee the implementation of the Act and are confident we are prepared for the implementation in April. Like other Local Authorities we have received New Burdens funding, which we have used to recruit additional staff. We have procured an upgrade to our IT system, which will be in place for the beginning of April. Alongside the Act there are new quite onerous reporting requirements to be submitted to MHCLG quarterly. In Kirklees we started piloting the Act in Dewsbury in October 2017 and since 12 February in Huddersfield. This has been a learning process however the feedback from customers has been positive.

One of the main aims of the Act is to ensure local authorities do more meaningful work with singles. In Kirklees we are starting from a good position because of the assistance we already provide to singles, so we may find some aspects of the Act easier to implement than others.

Housing Allocations Policy

Some changes to the Housing Allocations Policy to assist the service to meet the new duties from the Homelessness Reduction Act has recently been agreed. These will be implemented from 3 April 2018. The changes are

That the following new band awards are created:

- Band B – for the relief of homelessness where the household is eligible for or accommodated in temporary accommodation
- Band C – for the prevention of homelessness
- Band C – for the relief of homelessness where there is not a duty owed to provide temporary accommodation.

That the above bands and the current Band C - Intentionally Homeless are awarded subject to one suitable offer from the housing register.

That the current Band C – Homeless no priority award is deleted – this will be replaced by the new Band C for the relief of homelessness.

Where there is a statutory homeless duty, including prevention and relief duties, officers can place bids on behalf of applicants from the date the band is awarded.

The impact of the changes will be monitored quarterly and if it is not working as envisaged further changes will be considered.

Rough Sleeping

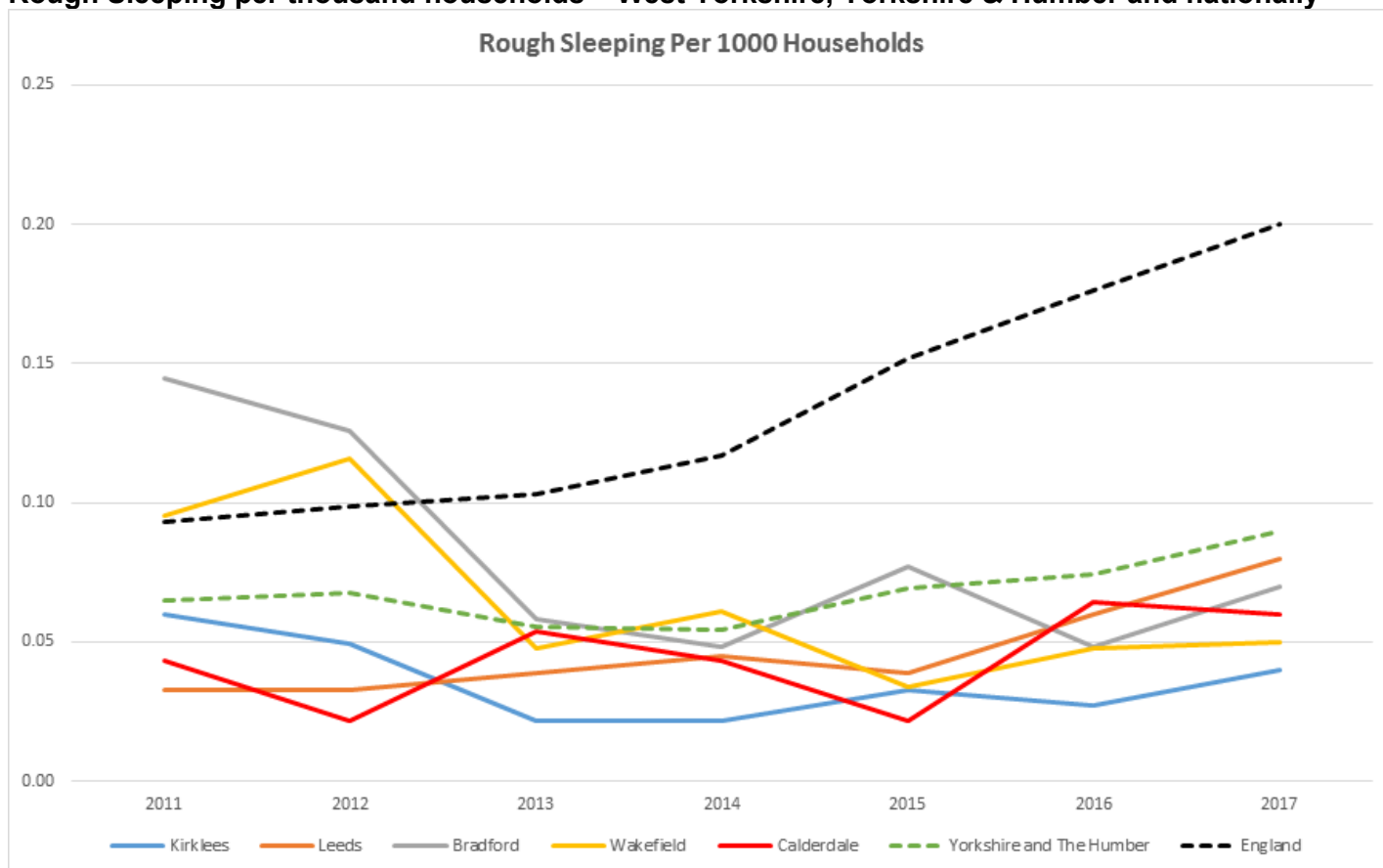
National Rough Sleeping Statistics

- Each year, local authorities within England are required to submit a single night snapshot of rough sleeping using street counts and intelligence driven estimates.

Year	Number of Rough Sleepers
2010	5
2011	11
2012	9
2013	4
2014	4
2015	6
2016	5
2017	8

- Within Kirklees, the annual submission for 2017 is 8. This is a 60% increase on the 5 submitted in 2016 and the highest number since 2012, we can compare this to others:
- The graph below illustrates that, in comparison to other local authorities, Kirklees is performing favourably with regard to rough sleeper volumes. This reflects the proactive work we do with single people is preventing rough sleeping for the vast majority of this significant group facing homelessness.

Rough Sleeping per thousand households – West Yorkshire, Yorkshire & Humber and nationally



- Housing Solutions Service and Homelessness Forum partners have comprehensive intelligence and are aware of most of the people who are visibly living on the streets. In addition to providing the official annual figure, partners are now meeting quarterly to share information about individuals at risk, those actually sleeping rough and those taking up subsequent accommodation and support.
- Excellent partnership working and intelligence sharing among Housing Solutions, Huddersfield Mission, Neighbourhood Police, Clare House Hostel, Fusion Housing, Choices Home Care and West Yorkshire – Finding Independence (WY-FI)
- A common view of street homelessness is that it is a problem of accommodation. Health problems including substance abuse and complex factors are often the precipitant of homelessness or barriers to prevent people from acquiring and/or sustaining appropriate accommodation. Such issues can lead to social isolation, a reluctance to engage, inability to sustain a tenancy and difficulty managing household budgets. To illustrate this, of the 8 individuals verified as actually sleeping out for this year's snapshot, 3 already had accommodation provided.
- The main reasons for the increase in rough sleepers include:-
 - Impact of Welfare Reforms
 - Reduction in funding or raising threshold of support services (ie Mental Health)
 - Shortage of appropriate accommodation

Severe Weather Emergency Protocol (SWEP)

- During very cold weather, Government guidance suggests when temperatures are forecast to be zero or below for three consecutive nights, the Council will trigger the 'Severe Weather Emergency Protocol' (SWEP) whereby the process to access an emergency bed for the night is made easier (without the need for a comprehensive homelessness assessment).

- This provides an opportunity for Housing Solutions to further establish rapport and endeavour to facilitate appropriate support. It also provides some respite for those individuals not usually engaging with services. Kirklees Council adopt more flexibility when triggering SWEP. Other weather conditions are considered rather than just very low temperatures.

Rough Sleeper Outreach Initiative

- There are several community, faith and volunteer groups who provide help and assistance to people living out on the streets. Assistance includes providing social interaction, hot drinks, snacks, blankets, sleeping bags, food parcels and pet food. This gathers greater momentum during adverse weather. Due to the relatively low numbers of people on the streets within Kirklees, donated gifts can create logistical issues around storage and distribution. A lack of co-ordination among the different groups can lead to duplication, inefficiency and minimises the benefits to this vulnerable group.
- To improve the effectiveness of the various groups, it is intended for a sub-group of the local Homelessness Forum to be created as a networking opportunity for the various groups to share information, working practices and feed into the Forum.
- In preparation, a working group of partners has developed some guidance for outreach workers which includes health & safety considerations and 'best practices'. The group is being facilitated by Homeless Link, a national organisation whose expertise is tackling and preventing rough sleeping and single homelessness. The initial workshop for a wide variety of outreach groups is scheduled for March 2018.
- Outreach groups invited include:-

Fusion Housing	Clare House	WY-FI	Huddersfield Mission
Welcome Centre	One Big Family	Jubilee Centre	Bradford Nightstop
Huddersfield Change Project		Dewsbury Baptist Church	
Kirkheaton Church			

Communications

- If anyone is concerned, at any time, about someone sleeping rough, they can send an alert through a website or app via www.streetlink.org.uk
- The details provided through Streetlink alerts the Council's Housing Solutions Service and their outreach partner to help them find the individual, check what help the person needs and connect them to the appropriate support if required.
- Council media team are producing positive communications and media releases around homelessness and rough sleeping. Currently working with Clare House around real life case studies.
- Further advice for members of the public on 'How to change a life' was published in Kirklees Together <https://kirkleestogether.co.uk/2017/03/26/help-change-a-life/>
- This advice includes how to alert the professions, supporting a local charity and giving small things such as a hot drink or even kind words and a smile.
- Huddersfield Mission is an example where a voucher can be bought to give to a homeless person so they can buy food/drink and take advantage of the support on offer.

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Economy and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Panel – Proposed items and work programme for 2017/18

Working document – Based on discussion at first panel (4 Oct) and will be updated at regular intervals to acknowledge changes

Issue	The specific issues to address – The focus and purpose etc	Outcomes – What do we want to achieve	When are we going to consider the issue	Who do we need to invite and involve	How are we going to tackle it i.e. the methodology
	<p><u>First meeting – 4 October 2017</u></p> <p>Agreement on priorities and topics for the work of the Panel in 2017/18 namely:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Housing - Transport - Towns and communities 		<p>4 October 2017</p>		
<p>Priority 1 – Housing</p>	<p><u>Second meeting – 7 November 2017</u></p> <p>General update (State of nation) Kirklees– Policy and strategy</p>	<p>Preliminary discussion of the key issues</p>	<p>7 November 2017</p>	<p>Paul Kemp Simon Taylor Helen Geldart</p>	<p>Presentation and discussion</p>
<p>Housing</p>	<p><u>Third meeting – 14 December 2017</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Demand and availability of supported housing (extra care housing) - Plans for the review of the housing allocations policy by 31 Mar 2018 (Including age designation and the letting of properties) - Opportunities to improve upon the current figures for the actual delivery of any new affordable homes for purchase or rental having regard to the total number of planning permissions granted in the period from 2007 to 2016. 	<p>Preliminary discussion of the key issues</p>	<p>14 December 2017</p>	<p>David Hamilton Paul Kemp Simon Taylor Helen Geldart</p>	<p>Presentation and discussion</p>

**Priority 2 –
Transport**

Fourth meeting – 18 January 2018 (Rail)

Priorities in terms of local and regional developments

Kirklees – The council and our position and influence in terms of the structures and work in the region and sub region to oversee the development of transport links

The impact on the development of our towns and villages centres

Improving access and travel to/from Kirklees

Improving disabled access to public transport

Developing better services and higher passenger numbers from our smaller stations

Growing demand for the rail links:-

- Hudds to Sheffield
- Hudds to Leeds
- Hudds to Manchester

Maintaining and improving local bus services

Opportunities to develop park and ride schemes

Fifth meeting – 15 February 2018 (Road)

Strategic road links

Major improvements and schemes in Leeds, Manchester and Sheffield areas.

Schemes in West Yorkshire

Schemes in Kirklees

18 Jan 2018

Development of local railways – Key issues and implications for Kirklees Council

Follow up meeting with Kieran Dunkin, Network Rail, being planned for 15 Mar 2018

15 Feb 2018

Development of local road networks – Key issues and implications for Kirklees Council

18 Jan 2018

15 Mar 2018?

15 Feb 2018

Richard Hadfield
Paul Kemp
Simon Taylor

Keith Bloomfield
Simon Taylor

Presentation and discussion to highlight specific issues for consideration and review in subsequent meetings

Presentation and discussion to highlight specific issues for consideration and review in subsequent meetings

	<p>Sixth meeting – 15 March 2018</p> <p><u>Housing</u> - Homelessness and rough sleepers - Housing – Follow up on other issues</p> <p><u>Work programme</u> - Review of 2017/18 - Potential topics for 2018/19</p> <p><u>Q3 performance report for 2017/18</u></p> <p><u>Transport</u> - Meeting with Kieran Dunkin, Network Rail</p>	<p>15 March 2018</p> <p>Private meeting</p>	<p>15 March 2018</p>	<p>Helen Geldart Cath McGurk Naz Parkar</p> <p>Steve Copley</p> <p>Steve Copley</p>	
<p>Priority 3 – Towns and communities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plans for Dewsbury and Huddersfield • The challenge and future for other town centres and villages “Fit for the future?” • What can they/we do to help shape this? 				
<p>Waste management strategy</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Briefing and update before April 2018 • Our current policies and working practices – Public perceptions • Recycling rates • New government expectations/ targets • Problems with access to our recycling sites in Kirklees. • Access to sites in our neighbouring authorities – New agreement required? • Fly tipping in Kirklees – The costs and facts and our response (<i>Kirklees and our neighbouring authorities</i>) • Leeds Road - The opportunities to revisit the potential development of the heat and power scheme • Work on new contract and strategy 				

The skills strategy for Kirklees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progress with the new strategy - What are we trying to change and influence 				
Potential topics for 2018/19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Towns and communities • Waste management – Contract and strategy (waste minimisation) • Skills strategy for Kirklees • Work on the new economic strategy (including questions on social value and sustainable growth) • Housing strategy • Housing – Changes to allocations policy 				

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