

Draft Equalities Impact Assessment

Housing and Homelessness

Proposed investment

Temporary Accommodation - £0.939m

This investment relates to establishing funding for additional client numbers in temporary accommodation. An increase in homeless presentations combined with a reduction in supply of rehousing solutions is resulting in a greater volume of clients for the council. It is believed that this proposal has a positive impact because people with protected characteristics are more likely to experience homelessness than the general population. Therefore, the additional funding provided will enable the provision of an interim housing solution on their pathway to a secure, permanent home.

The expected increase in the number of clients in temporary accommodation will result in the need to provide an average of an additional 10 units of Bed & Breakfast and 166 units of Private Sector Leased accommodation during 23/24, when compared to the 22/23 budget. Based on an assumed net cost to the Council of £3,870 and £5,420 per unit of accommodation per annum respectively, it is expected that additional funding of £39,000 for Bed & Breakfast and £900,000 for Private Sector Leased accommodation will be required in 23/24.