

Homeless strategy 2013-2018 action plan (to be reviewed annually)

| Action | Target Date | Lead officer | Comments/ updates |
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| Homeless prevention: | | | |
| Floating support – Monitor impact of increased demand and identify gaps in service. | March 2014 | Housing Advice and Homelessness Manager | On-going meetings established |
| DHP policy – revised policy to take into account welfare reforms | July 2013 | Head of Housing Advice and Options | Will be reviewed after 6 months |
| Under occupation – offer alternative options to prevent homelessness for those affected | January 2015 | Under Occupation Officer | Under occupation officer appointed in January 2013 |
| Mental health – in response to increase in proportion of priority need, work with mental health services to try to prevent homelessness | March 2014 | Housing Advice and Homelessness Manager | |
| Provision of money advice and support in relation to finance and budgetary assistance. | March 2014 | Head of Housing Advice and Options | |
| Sub regional work using government funding for single homelessness. | March 2014 | Head of Housing Advice and Options | |
| Reconnections policy | October 2013 | Head of Housing Advice and Options | |

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| Establish impact of the King Street Home finder scheme | March 2014 | Head of Housing Advice and Options | |
| Housing advice information | September 2014 | Housing Advice and Homelessness Manager | Review information available to residents including through social media, on the website and through leaflets and letters |
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| Increase provision of Temporary accommodation: | | | |
| Redevelopment of Robson Court | March 2015 | Head of Housing Strategy and Development/ Head of Housing Advice and Options | Site transferred to Sanctuary. Work due to start on site in September. |
| Consider options for the Bungalow | July 2015 | Head of Housing Advice and Options | To consider options in 2014/15 in preparation for hostel provision all moving to the new redeveloped site at Robson Court. |
| Empty Homes Scheme – purchase additional properties to use as temporary accommodation | April 2014 | Housing Performance Improvement Team Leader | To date, two properties purchased |

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| Investigate feasibility of a Foyer scheme | March 2014 | Head of Housing Strategy and Development/ Head of Housing Advice and Options | Visited Wisbech Foyer. Potential site identified. Investigating options for revenue funding. |
| Assess impact of the welfare reforms on the PSL scheme | March 2014 | Head of Housing Advice and Options | Awaiting government announcement about how the management fees on PSL properties will be paid. King Street to monitor impact of direct payment when Universal Credit is introduced |
| Discharge of duty policy | October 2013 | Head of Housing Advice and Options | Policy to incorporate private rented tenancies |
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| Gold Standard | March 2015 | Head of Housing Advice and Options | Peer reviews to be undertaken – awaiting new guidance |
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| Sub regional Homeless Strategy Action plan | December 2013 | Head of Housing Advice and Options | Sub regional actions to be collated and monitored at the sub regional homeless group. |

Date of Action Plan – July 2013