

Responding to Cuts – Innovation, Involvement and Integrity

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Background

- Resource constraints
 - Public expenditure
 - Local government priorities
 - Welfare reform
- Policy
 - Homelessness
 - Housing options

What is housing support for?

- Tasks
 - Are 21 tasks still relevant
- Outcomes
 - Preventing homelessness
 - Independent Living
- Priorities

Commissioning Strategy

- Commissioning Strategy and Plans
 - Preventing Homelessness
 - Children and Young People
 - Adult Social Care
- Transfer housing support resources to adult social care for learning difficulties and physical disabilities

Commissioning Strategy

- 9 principles including:
 - Services to be personalised and offer choice
 - Self management
 - Unpaid carers are equal partners
 - Best value
 - Promoting sustainable procurement by means of community benefits and social issues

Process

- Consultation
- Checkpoint Groups
- Joint Commissioning and Planning
- Review

Preventing Homelessness – Strategic Outcomes

- Preventing homelessness
- Minimise time people are homeless
- Make resettlement effective

Preventing Homelessness – Proposals

- Increase amount of visiting support available to people in their own homes
- Improve access to longer term support and care services for people who need them
- Ensure individual outcomes are met and support strategic outcomes
- Employment and employability

Procurement

- Resources and value for money
- Significant service change – more focus on prevention and improving access to longer term services
- New services or continuation of existing services
- Partnership between local authorities and voluntary sector
- Balance of Council managed and commissioned services

Summary

- Pressure on resources
- Changing policy priorities and pressures
- Response from service providers
- More effective services