

Everyone should have a home

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Raising ambitions for Scottish housing

Shelter

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- How ambitious are we for Scottish housing?
- How good are we at translating ambition into delivery?

The need for ambition

- 40,000 households assessed as homeless
- Almost 10,000 in temporary accommodation
- Over 200,000 on house waiting lists
- House prices at record levels
- 569,000 suffer fuel poverty
- 74% of homes do not meet the Scottish Housing Quality Standard

Targets

- 2012 – the homelessness target
- 2015 – the Scottish housing quality standard
- 2015 – the housing supply target
- 2016 – the fuel poverty target

The “2012 target”

By 2012 all unintentionally homeless households will have the right to permanent accommodation

By 2009 councils have to be “half way there” from where they were in 2004.

The 2009 “halfway” target: EXAMPLE

- In 2003-04 Council X assesses 50% of homeless households as eligible for permanent accommodation.
- All councils need to be at 100% by 2012.
- Therefore Council X has to be at 75% by 2009.
- It can choose *how* to do that.

Local authority

% assessed as priority need

Pace-setters

West Dunbartonshire	96
Renfrewshire	90
South Lanarkshire	83
North Ayrshire	88
Highland	78

Tail-enders

Shetland	62
Glasgow	87
Perth and Kinross	71
Orkney	78
Dundee	80
SCOTLAND	79

Progress towards 2009 interim target

As at 2007-08:

- 6 LAs achieved it already.
- 1 other LA on target to achieve it.
- 18 LAs moving in the right direction but not fast enough.
- 7 LAs moving in the wrong direction.

Impacts of Homelessness Reforms

- Temporary accommodation use doubled in last five years: but not solely due to new rights.
- Number of social lets (RSLs and councils combined) going to homeless people = 30%.

Number of fuel poor households

1996	756,000
2002	293,000
2003	350,000
2004	419,000
2005	543,000
2007	569,000

Scottish Housing Quality Standard Compliance

	Social housing	All tenures
2002	23%	23%
2007	28%	25%

Summing up

- Targets are important: they drive progress.
- Setting ambitious long term targets is the right thing to do.
- Mixed experience so far on the 4 big targets we are working to.
- Does Scotland have all the policy tools to achieve its ambitions?