

Everyone should have a home

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Progress to 2012: how well are we doing?

Shelter

Scope of presentation

- Why 2012?
- Progress and barriers
- What needs done?
- Taking stock
- Summing up

Why 2012?

- The eyes of the world
- A fairer Scotland
- Effective policy
- A platform for housing investment?

Changing foundations?

First Minister's Questions 14.6.07

Jack McConnell: In 2003, the Parliament committed to the target of ending homelessness by 2012. Will the First Minister commit to that target here today?

The First Minister: Yes, I can commit to that target, and we will outline that in the housing debate next week.

How well are we doing?

- Progress to 2012
- 5 national outcomes
- Inspections of homelessness services
- Implementation issues

The 2012 target and 2009 interim 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 interim target: EXAMPLE

- In 2003-04 Anywhereshire Council assesses 60% of homeless households as eligible for permanent accommodation.
- All councils need to be at 100% by 2012.
- Therefore Anywhereshire Council has to be at 80% by 2009.
- It can choose *how* to do that.

Progress towards 2009 interim target

As at 2006-07:

- 3 LAs achieved it already.
- 7 LAs on target to achieve it.
- 14 LAs moving in the right direction but not fast enough.
- 7 LAs moving in the wrong direction.
- Angus made a policy decision to meet 2012 in 2007-08.

5 national outcomes

- No-one should need to sleep rough
- Existing homelessness becomes more visible
- Sustainable resettlement is secured for people who have become homeless
- Fewer people become homeless in the first place
- The duration of homelessness is reduced

Inspections of homelessness services

1 A grade

2 B grades

12 C grades

7 D grades

Implementation delays

- Intentionality
- Section 7 regulations
- Local connection
- Section 11
- Temporary accommodation guidance
- Best interests of children guidance

Scotland Performs

Indicator 22

All unintentionally homeless people will be entitled to settled accommodation by 2012

Single Outcome Agreements and Local Indicators

What is to be done?

- Housing investment
- Housing associations
- Private landlords
- Right to Buy
- Prevention

Housing investment

- The case for 10,000 homes
- Affordable Housing Investment Programme 2008-09
- The credit crunch

A stock take on homelessness?

“A thorough review should be carried out to create an implementation plan properly sized and costed with related performance measures for the homelessness strategy.”

Scottish Budget Review, May 2007

Summing up

- The homelessness programme and the 2012 target are integral to a fairer, internationally-respected and effective Scotland
- Progress so far is mixed – the target is achievable but needs a step change in delivery.
- There are challenges in the new context, both for new supply and prevention – but opportunities too.
- Now is the ideal time to take stock and re-invigorate the programme.