

Developing and Implementing a Strategy for Temporary Accommodation

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Why Develop a Temporary Accommodation Strategy?

- Methodical approach required to meet increasing demands
- Assists existing and potential partners to understand the issues
- Enables partners to review the strategy
- A requirement of the 2001 Act

Influences, Challenges and Opportunities

- In Fife, implementation of strategy delegated by the FHG to temporary and supported accommodation sub-group
- Opportunity to develop close working relationships with partners
- Challenge to all partners to make a meaningful contribution
- Challenge to maintain full membership

Benefits of Having a Strategy

- Being part of the wider homelessness strategy
- Achievements:
 - Independent advice
 - Private sector leasing
 - Leasing agreement with RSLs
 - Involvement of elected members
 - Fife Keyfund
 - Discharge protocols
 - Furnished tenancy grant scheme
 - Purchase of properties
 - Restrictions on right to buy
 - Annual homelessness conference
 - “Mobile” Section 7 accommodation

How Do Strategies Affect Relationships With Partners?

- Development of joint understanding of the challenges
- Open forum for partners to commit resources
- Joint identification and agreement on priorities
- All partners held accountable for their actions

Factors To Be Considered When Implementing Your Strategy

- Must ensure continuing membership and effective contribution by all appropriate agencies
- Promote perception of mutual benefit
- Be ready to adapt to developing Scottish Executive Agenda
- Apply discipline of continuous review influenced by customer feedback
- Remain aware of wider local context