

HOUSING CABINET MEMBER MEETING

Agenda Item 113
Brighton & Hove City Council

Subject: Homelessness Grant
Date of Meeting: 12 March 2009
Report of: Director of Adult Social Care & Housing
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Key Decision: Yes Forward Plan No. HSG 8090
Wards Affected: All

FOR GENERAL RELEASE

1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:

- 1.1 To advise cabinet the Cabinet Member for Housing of the Department of Communities and Local Government (CLG) Homelessness Grant Allocation for 2009/10 and to seek approval for the allocation from this grant amongst external agencies and internal teams to the further to work of the Council's Homelessness Strategy.

2. RECOMMENDATION:

- 2.1 That the Cabinet Member approve the allocation amongst external agencies and internal teams as set out in appendices

3. RELEVANT BACKGROUND INFORMATION/CHRONOLOGY OF KEY EVENTS:

- 3.1 The Homelessness & Housing Support Directorate of the CLG makes an annual grant allocation to local authorities to supplement general fund expenditure on homelessness.
- 3.2 Funding from the Homelessness Directorate is intended to supplement main sources of funding to promote new and innovative services that tackle and prevent homelessness more effectively. In addition to the primary focus of preventing homelessness, reducing the use of temporary accommodation and continuing to reduce the levels of rough sleeping, the DCLG continues to pay particular attention to tackling youth homelessness and development of schemes to address worklessness in every local authority area.
- 3.3 Brighton & Hove has been allocated £855,000.00 for 2009/10, the same amount as 2007/08 and 08/09. Although there is no reduction in grant there is an impact of inflation on the costs. Services have been prioritised according to their contribution to meeting the objectives set by the DCLG and their contribution to local strategies and effectiveness.
- 3.4 As part of the proposals for allocation of funding, no inflation has been added to contract values.

4. Tendering of Contracts

In March 2008 Housing Committee agreed to the retendering of three of the main contracts that had been in existence for over five years. The advice from Corporate Procurement was that for value for money to be obtained the Council should approach the market with these contracts.

During 2008/09 the three existing contracts for Rough Sleepers Street Services, Relocation Service and Young Peoples' Housing Advice Service were reviewed and the three contracts were reduced to two by merging the Rough Sleepers Street Services Contract with the Rough Sleepers Relocation Service. This contract was awarded to CRI and is due to commence on the 1st April 2009

The other contract was for the Young Peoples' Housing Advice Service and this contract was awarded to Hove YMCA this will commence from the 1st April 2009

As part of the tendering process the Council has obtained a reduction in the cost of the contracts and has seen added value to the services being offered. The CRI contract sees the merging of the street and relocation teams into one service with the added value of a post being created to second a qualified mental health professional to work with the rough sleepers street and relocation services to provide a seamless service in this area.

5. CONSULTATION

- 5.1 As part of the preparation of this report, the relevant legal and financial officers have been consulted
- 5.2 Consultation has been held with the Head of Audit and the Head of Procurement
- 5.3 Consultation has been held with the Housing Strategy Management Team.

6. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

- 6.1 Financial Implications:
The Homelessness Strategy Grant for 2009/10 is £855,000 which is unchanged from the previous two financial years. This will fund the initiatives set out in Appendix A and B of this report and will supplement general fund expenditure on homelessness.

Finance Officer Consulted: Mike Bentley

Date: 06.02.09

6.2 Legal Implications:

There are no legal implications. The contracts were tendered using the correct policy and procedures under procurement rules. They also meet the funding criteria from the homelessness directorate.

Lawyer Consulted:

Simon Court

Date: 06.02.09

6.3 Equalities Implications:

The client group includes some of the most vulnerable people in the city, who face multiple barriers to housing. Providing these extra services for this group will enable access and prevent homelessness.

6.4 Sustainability Implications:

The Commissioning of these services is in accordance with sustainability objectives.

6.5 Crime & Disorder Implications:

The provision of a grant to CRI to provide a rough sleepers and street services team is in part aimed at the reduction of rough sleeping, street drinking and begging within the City. CRI are actively engaging with persons known within the City to reduce the amount of time that they spend on the street and also lead in carrying out rough sleeper counts and street drinking audits along with other Voluntary Sector partners and the Police

6.6 CRI are the lead agency addressing issues such as third party reporting of offences carried out against rough sleepers and street drinkers and in the Community Responsibility Protocol, which looks at how hostels and day centre's manage the local environment to reduce anti social behaviour of residents and how the local community can be encouraged to assist in identifying and reporting problems to the team.

6.7 Risk and Opportunity Management Implications:

There are no significant risks attached to the proposals in this report

6.8 Corporate / Citywide Implications:

The local area agreement implementation of these services reflects the priorities for the city as set out in the Homelessness Strategy, to prevent homelessness, reduce the use of temporary accommodation and keep the number of rough sleepers as near to zero as possible.

7. EVALUATION OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTION(S):

- 7.1 Two of the major services have been the subject of competitive tenders these have been awarded to Crime Reduction Initiative and Hove YMCA. The latest round of tenders has seen the Rough Sleepers, Street Services Team merge with the Relocation Contract as of 1st April 2009. Both contracts have been let for a five year period and are considered to have provided value for money in terms of price and added value to the services that already exist.
- 7.2 Other projects are discussed with the CLG at regular intervals as they are key to the Council meeting its Temporary Accommodation Reduction Target in 2010.

8. REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

- 8.1 The Homelessness Grant allocation is given to the Council by the Secretary of State of the DCLG to further the work that the Authority carries out towards activities connected with homelessness under the provisions of section 31 of the Local Government Act 2003.
- 8.2 The Council is required to allocate the funding to further the work that assists it in reaching the targets and priorities both nationally and locally.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices:

1. Outcomes of DCLG grant funded services 2008/09
2. DCLG grant allocation 2009/10 - amounts

Documents in Members' Rooms

None

Background Documents

None

Grant allocation £855,000 to be dispensed to the following organisations:

Funding withdrawn from the following:-

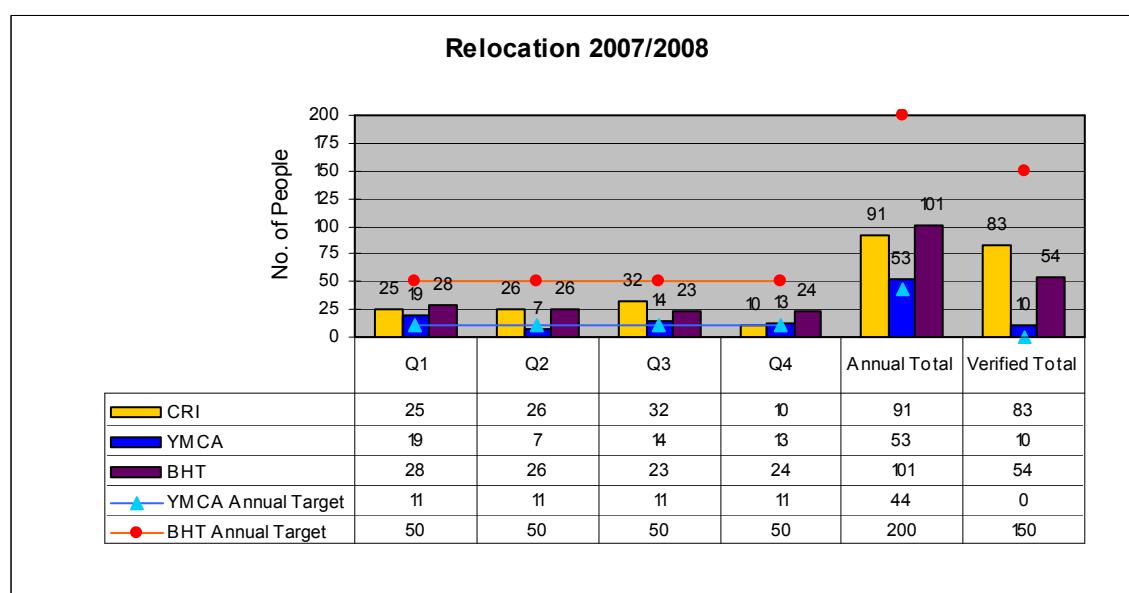
1. Brighton Housing Trust Relocation Project

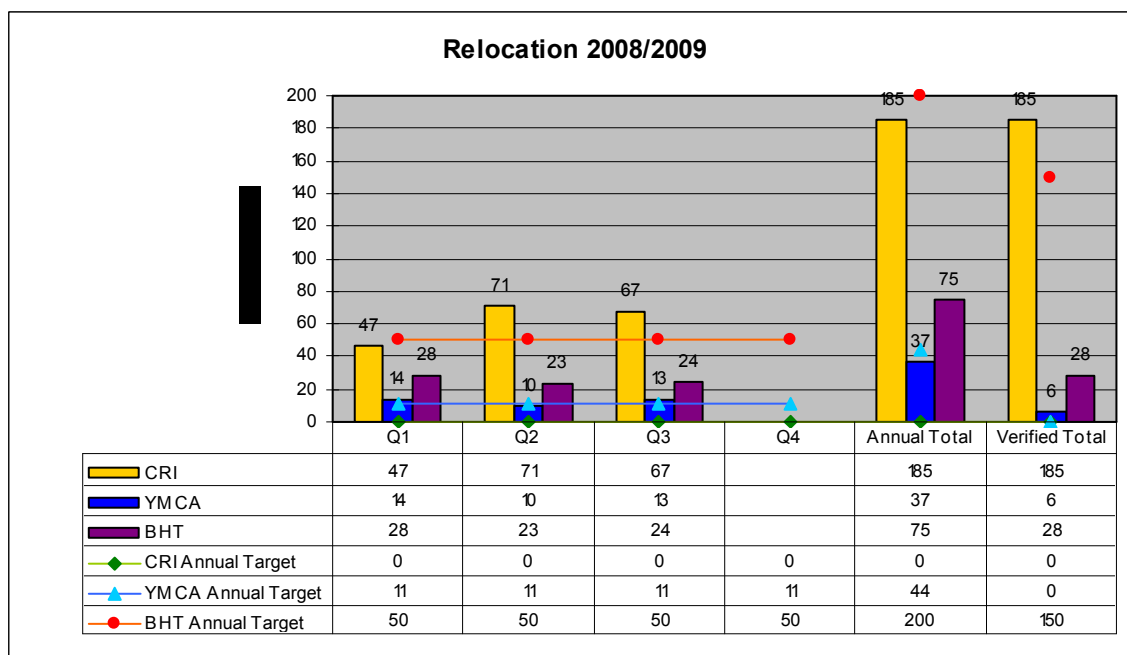
As part of the report to the Housing Committee on the grant allocation funding for 2008/09 it was agreed that the Council would tender out the following services funded by the Homelessness Grant: Rough Sleepers Street Services Team, Relocation Service and Young People's Housing Advice Service.

To improve engagement, outcomes and efficiency and ensure best value, the Rough Sleepers Street Services Team and Relocation Project were combined into one service. The new contract includes all relocation costs and does not give any inflationary uplift year on year. Any costs that exceed the contract value will be met by the provider. This has resulted in an annual saving of £32,940.

Both existing providers tendered for the new contract and following an evaluation and interview process, CRI were selected by the Evaluating Panel as the preferred contractor based on their performance against the identified criteria and the additional added value they will bring to the new contract.

Brighton Housing Trust will cease to provide the relocation service from 1st April 2009.





Funding Withdraw from

2. Brighton and Hove City Council Relocation Costs

From 1st April 2009 all relocation costs will be included in the contract price for both the Rough Sleepers Street Services and Relocation Team, and the Young People’s Housing Advice Service.

Reduced funding from: -

3. Brighton and Hove City Council Sanctuary Scheme

The Sanctuary Scheme remains a key component in the city’s Domestic Violence Strategy. The Sanctuary Scheme is a multi-agency project which enables victims of domestic violence to choose whether to remain in their own home with professionally installed security measures. The increased security increases confidence to remain securely in the home and avoids disruption to education, employment and family and other social networks. In addition to the social benefits, the cost can be considerably less expensive than the provision of emergency accommodation.

The Scheme has been in operation since 2007/08 with 4 households being supported to remain in their own homes following the installation of security measures. The expenditure from grant is exclusively for security measures to the persons home the officer cost having been mainstreamed in the current financial year to provide specialist support to households who are threatened with homelessness due to domestic violence, harassment or hate crime.

Outcomes 2008/2009

As part of the pilot project the Sanctuary Scheme was the subject of a number of recommendations to the Council's Senior Officer Domestic Violence Steering Group. These included closer working links with the District offices and Registered Social Landlords to ensure that good practice is shared between landlords for victims wishing to remain in their own homes, the provision of hard wired alarms in homes to increase protection. Consideration has been given and a decision to provide battery alarms has been taken with advice to clients that these need to be checked on a regular basis.

There have been 14 cases referred to the Sanctuary Scheme and it is anticipated that 8 sanctuary cases will be completed in the current financial year. This will represent expenditure in the region of £10,000 of the allocated budget. There are a number of reasons for the low expenditure against the allocated budget. The main reason is that the criteria for the scheme was set to refer women in the highest risk group that are reported to the Multi-agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC). A number of these referrals have not resulted in success as these high risk cases are often subject to further threats or actual violence that result in the person moving. Other reasons include: private sector landlords refusing permission for works; customers changing their minds; prohibitive costs of works that don't demonstrate value for money.

Outcomes in 2009/10

It is proposed to review the criteria for referral to include lower risk groups with the aim of preventing the case from escalating to the high risk group with increased security in the home

To introduce monitoring of the number of days from referral to completion with a target of 21 days

Quarterly monitoring of expenditure and number of referrals and number of completed cases

Review existing referral routes to establish if there are any further referrals sources that could assist victims of DV to remain in their own homes.

Reduce Funding from**4. Brighton and Hove City Council
Homelessness Prevention Fund**

Along with other local authorities the council has adopted a "spend to save" approach in assisting people on low incomes to access the private rented sector in a planned way. The fund was originally set up to provide loans for the deposit element of a planned move from one property to another. This is often used for people that are moving for the first time or need to move for reasons beyond their control and they do not have access to the funds to do so.

In January 2008 the Council piloted a new Deposit Guarantee Scheme, which aims to indemnify a landlord until the tenant has saved sufficient funds with the credit union. At this point the money will be transferred to the Landlord and the Guarantee with the Council will be withdrawn. This new scheme has advantages over the Rent Deposit Scheme as it only pays for claims submitted

by the landlord at the end of the tenancy and has officers checking the validity of claims. The claim rates on this type of scheme means that a higher number of lettings can be achieved for the same amount of money. In 2007/08 137 cases were provided with support and prevented from becoming homeless. Between April and December 2008 153 cases were prevented, if this trend continues 204 cases will be prevented in this way. Of these 74 cases were dealt with under the new scheme and 71 were funded under the new Deposit Guarantee Scheme.

The introduction of the new scheme will allow officers to achieve an increase in the number of moves and also allow the scheme to fund other forms of preventative measures despite a reduction in the amount of funding. This will include the provision £4,000 to be given to the Respite scheme to prevent young people becoming homeless.

Fully Fund

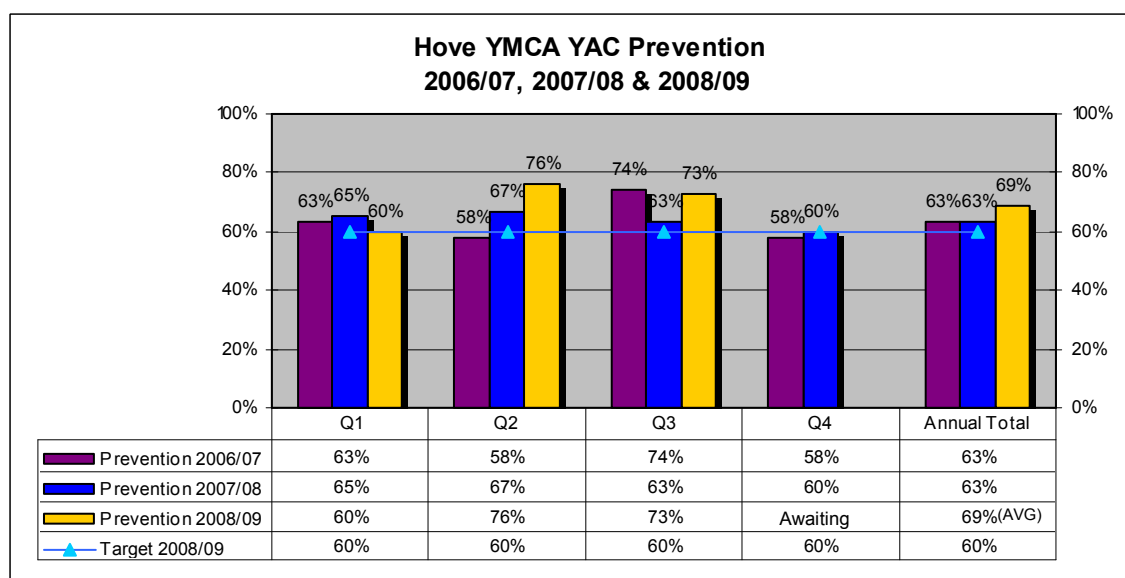
Existing Projects

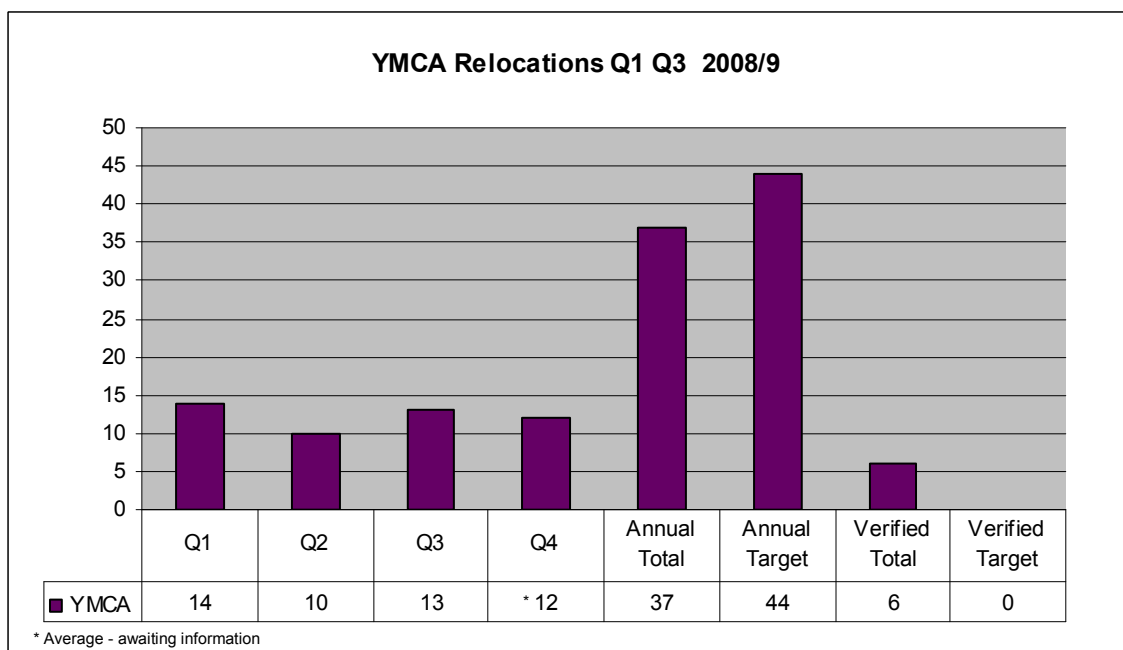
5. Hove YMCA

Young People’s Housing Advice Services

This service aims to reduce the number of young people who present as homeless, particularly as a result of family breakdown, and is strongly linked to the aims of the city’s Youth Homelessness Strategy. The service works closely with the Council’s Housing Options Young People and Families Team to advise young people and prevent a new generation of rough sleepers. It provides very strong links to the respite scheme and aims to relocate or reconnect as appropriate young people who arrive from outside of the City to areas where they have networks and connections.

Outcomes for 2008/09





Target	Q1	Q2	Q3	Total at Q3
Reduce rough sleeping of under 25 year olds to under 4	1	1	0	2
To prevent homelessness in 65% of all cases where homelessness is threatened	60%	76%	73%	69% (AVG)
To reduce the number of referrals to B&HCC to make a homeless application. No more than 25 in Q1 and reducing by 5 per quarter	2	2	12	16
To successfully relocate 45 young people out of Brighton & Hove (34 by Q3)	14	10	13	37
Deliver 10 housing information sessions in schools	4	0	8	12
Deliver 2 basic lifeskills / independent living courses to young people at risk of homelessness	1	0	1	3

	Annual Target	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09
Life Skills courses	2	3	4	2
Housing Advice (Schools)	10	13	4	12
Move On sessions	n/a	n/a	9	3
Other prevention sessions	n/a	n/a	3	2

Outcomes for 2009/10

Hove YMCA were successful in competing for a five year tender and will therefore continue to provide this service from 1st April 2009. In addition to the contractual requirements and targets, Hove YMCA brings the following added value to the contract:

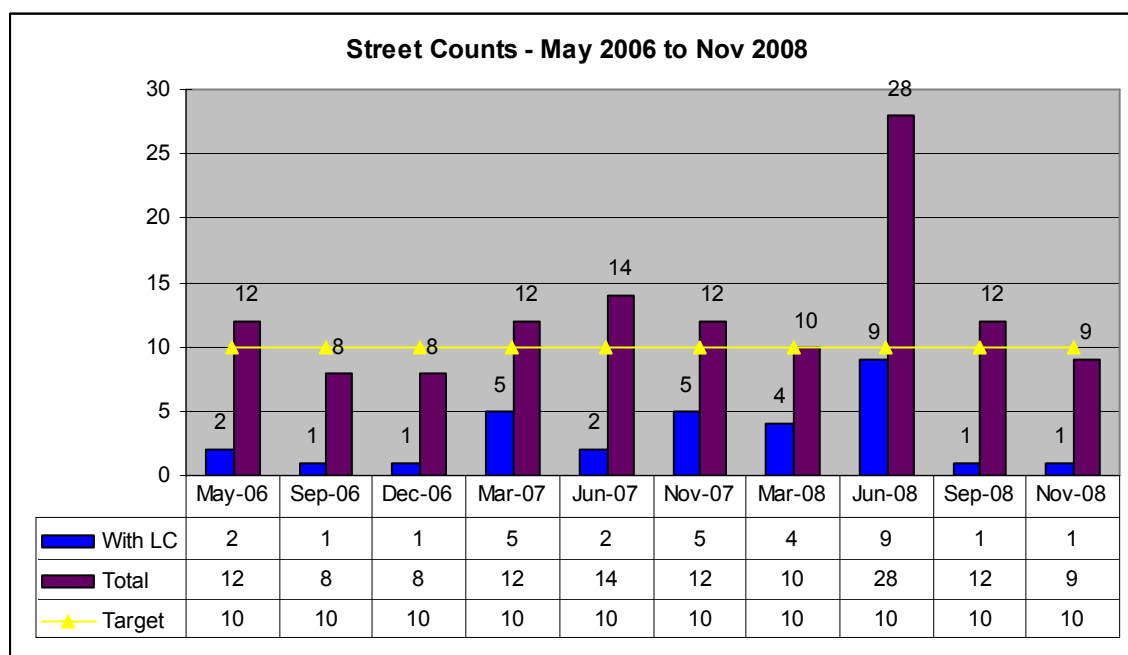
- Youth Advice Centre at Ovest House is the central hub of existing youth provision – well known and accessible to the target client group.
- Connexions Personal Advisors
- Substance Misuse services
- Sexual health, Teenage Pregnancy
- Mediation
- Counselling
- Information Advice & Guidance (Matrix Accredited)
- Action Learning Centre for Youth Homelessness
- Respite Service
- Tenancy Support
- Access to the Private Rented Sector
- Accredited Life Skills Programme
- Peer Education Scheme/Training
- Work Placements across the organisation
- Development of a social enterprise in trading arm of organisation that will provide training and employment opportunities

Fully Funded**6. Crime Reduction Initiatives (CRI)****Rough Sleepers Street Services and Relocation Team**

The reduction of Rough Sleeping and related street based anti-social behaviour is a high priority for both the DCLG and the City Council.

CRI have performed consistently well in maintaining the reduction of rough sleeping in the city. The last rough sleepers count in November 2008 found 9 people sleeping rough. A large majority of rough sleepers continue to have no connection to the city and are assisted to return to areas where they often have existing support networks. At the last count only one rough sleeper had a local connection with the City.

The main outcome for this service is to keep the number of rough sleepers as near to zero as possible. This is achieved by continued assertive outreach with the rough sleeping community. The latest count in November saw the number within target.



Target	Q1	Q2	Q3	Total
To reduce rough sleeping to as near zero as possible but at least below 10	10	28	12	16 Average
To reduce rough sleeping to as near zero as possible but at least below 5 for those with a local connection	4	9	1	4 Average
66% of rough sleepers to have a positive accommodation, treatment or care outcome	107 83%	107 84%	122 86%	84% Average
80% of new arrivals to B&H returning home / other positive diversionary measures to help new arrivals leave the streets	53 75%	90 79%	61 90%	81% Average

There are additional outcomes that rough sleepers have a positive accommodation, treatment or care outcome. This target has consistently achieved a high level of success at 86% of service users being connected to accommodation, treatment for substance misuse or successfully connected to primary or secondary health care.

Outcomes 2009/10

The contract will continue to have an emphasis on reducing the number of rough sleepers to as near to zero as possible, and providing relocation or reconnection for those people without a local connection. In addition to the contractual requirements and targets, CRI have agreed to provide the following added value within contract price:

- Provision of a specialist mental health worker as part of the Street Services Team (to be seconded from the Sussex Partnership Trust).
- To relocate an additional 200 rough sleepers per year over and above the contract target of 200
- To provide street shifts at weekends/bank holidays in peak periods rather than Mon-Fri service only
- To provide a peer mentor/volunteer scheme for former rough sleepers/homeless people to train and support service user involvement
- Collation of statistics around offending and substance misuse to maximise the contribution of the Integrated Support Pathway in fulfilment of the Local Area Agreement targets.
- Carry out internal quality audits to ensure highest delivery of service
- Continue to provide training for frontline staff in supported housing bands 1,2 and 3 covering substance misuse, assertive in reach and anti-social behaviour

This added value will provide a seamless service for entrenched rough sleepers who often present with complex needs including Mental Health, Substance Misuse or Dual Diagnosis.

Fully Funded

7. Brighton and Hove City Council Work and Learning Manager

The aim of this post is to identify the employment and training needs of single homeless people, researching current service provision and developing a strategy that facilitates more effective use of current provision, establishes a way forward for addressing gaps in provision and initiates funding bids to develop new projects.

The post holder acts as the council's lead in developing work & learning opportunities for single homeless people and rough sleepers. In addition the post holder co-ordinates the project 'Home to Work' encompassing the provision of Basic Skills (literacy, numeracy, IT) in hostels, life Skills courses and return to work opportunities.

Outcomes for 2008/09

Successful bid for "Places for Change" funding for Palace £950,000

Successful bid for Child Poverty Pilot for Teenage Parents £400,000

Leading on redevelopment of Palace Place and First Base Day Centre into centres for work & learning activities.

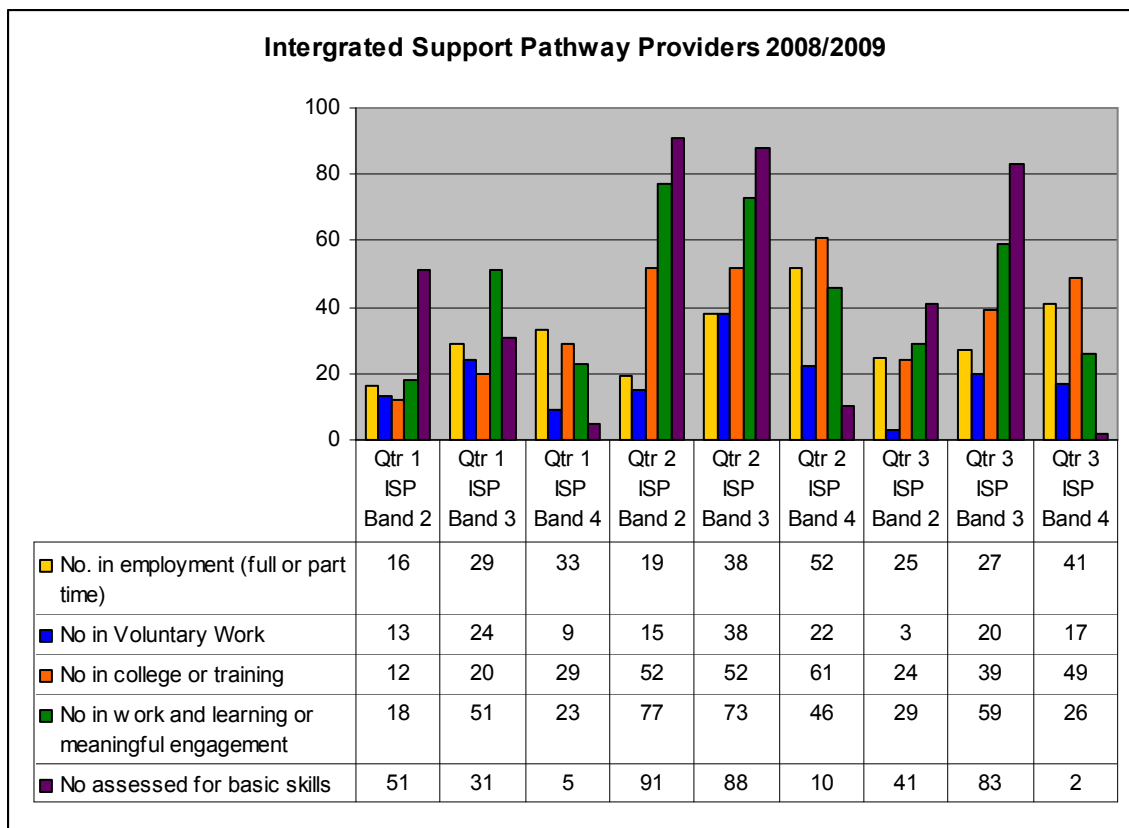
A further 10 front line staff trained in Basic Skills awareness/ assessments supporting adult learners,.

Rolling programme of training for front line staff and linkworker sessions

20 peer learners to be trained by March 2009

Development of accredited life skills programme at George Williams House

Coordinate Work and Learning snap shots across Integrated Support Pathway providers



Fully Funded

**8. Crime Reduction Initiative
Foundation Programme Mentoring Project**

The aim is to provide a quality mentoring service to ex-rough sleepers who are participating or have completed a structured day programme for drug users (the Foundation Programme) and are living in supported accommodation as part of the longer term resettlement package.

The service aims to fill the support gaps in the evenings and weekends at hostels in the city. The Mentoring Scheme in conjunction with other agencies seeks to reduce the use of substances illicit and licit, drug related deaths, relapse, rough sleeping and street based anti-social behaviour activity. The funding for this project will be met by CRI in the next financial year

Target	Q1	Q2	Q3	Total
To attach 5 mentors to the project per annum	5	4	2	12
To engage with 30 mentees per annum (10.5 by Q3)	21	23	16	60
The mentors to have 2 contacts per week for the period of three months = 40 (no. of times mentors have had contact in Qtr = 120 up to Q3)	420	576	896	1,892
To engage with 2 clients from each hostel where FORUS groups are facilitated	11	14	8	14
75% of these clients to access the mainstream day programme	100%	100%	100%	Average of 100%
50% of clients on waiting list to be linked with a mentor	100%	100%	100%	100%
Reduce non-attendance to assessments from 50% to 15%	100%	100%	91%	Average of 97%
40 clients per annum to report improvements in physical and mental health	21	21	16	57
40 clients to complete the programme per annum	6	8	7	21

Fully funded

9. Brighton and Hove City Council Housing Options Move-on- Officer

A key target for the city within the Local Area Agreement is to reduce the number of households in Temporary Accommodation by 50% in 2010. The base line figure was 667 giving a target to reach of 333 household by March 2010. The officer works to facilitate wider access to settled accommodation in the private rented sector and to share best practice in the city regarding moving on from temporary accommodation. Developing access to the private rented sector is a crucial element if the Council's strategy to half the number in temporary accommodation is to be achieved

Outcomes for 2008/09

29 Households moved to the Private Rented Sector since the Move-on officer came into post September 08

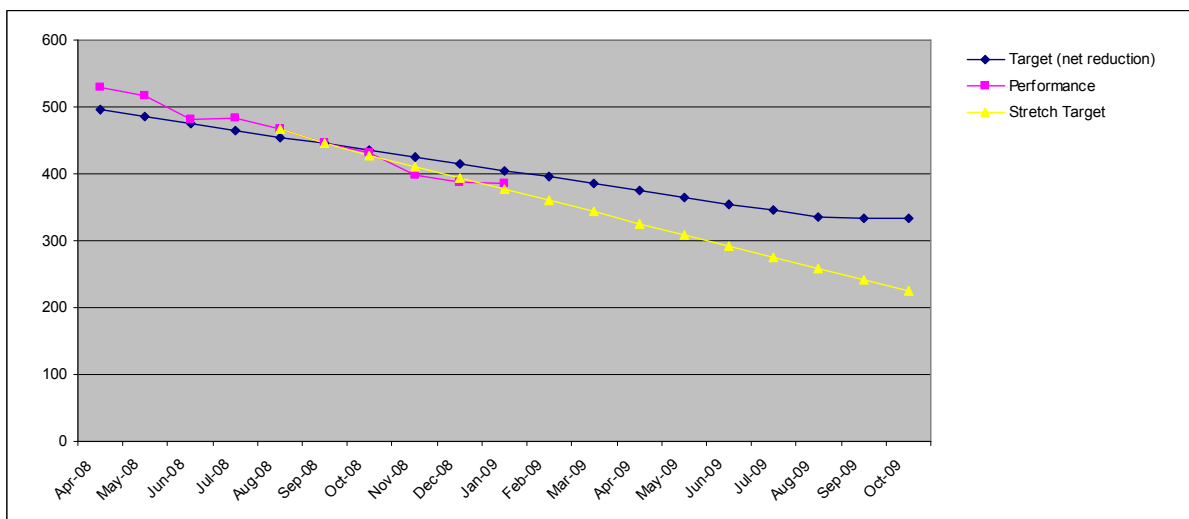
6 Management agreements signed up discharging a homelessness duty

Fully Funded

**10. Brighton & Hove City Council
Homeless Strategy Officer**

The Homeless Strategy Officer supports the delivery of the Homelessness Strategy through the further development of an integrated, multi-agency approach to homeless prevention. The Officer develops service level agreements with other departments and agencies to enable early intervention in threats of homelessness, and delivers training workshops to external partners to promote an integrated approach to homelessness prevention.

In the next 12 months this role will develop accessibility to the Private Rented Sector and reduction in the use of Temporary Accommodation that needs to be reduced and maintained below the DCLG target of 333 by 2010.



**11. Brighton & Hove City Council
IT Development**

Project to procure a new integrated IT system for Housing Needs. A system that will record all casework and process that are involved in the prevention of homelessness; assessment of housing and support needs including initial skills audits; allocation of vacancies in supported housing and the tracking of service users through the integrated pathway sharing needs and risk information with housing and work and learning providers.

Outcomes

As previously reported initial discussions with developers have indicated that the procurement of this system will be relatively expensive. Permission has been sought and granted to carry over funds from previous years to build a fund to take this project forward.

The DCLG have previously indicated that Brighton & Hove may be awarded a pilot to develop a system that could be rolled out nationally across other local authorities

Fully Funded**12. Sussex Partnership Trust
Psychology Service**

To work with people at risk of homelessness due to psychological behaviour issues often arising from substance use or rough sleeping. To work with service providers in delivering learning programmes that will achieve the goals of changing clients' thinking and behaviour in order to address cyclical homelessness and a move away from street culture. To develop and promote a new support model of working with the client group that is based on proven clinical interventions such as Cognitive Behaviour Therapy, Solution Focused Brief Therapy and Motivational Interviewing.

Outcomes 2008/09

At the end of quarter 3 the following outcomes had been achieved:

Target	Outcome
Achieve and then maintain an open case load to 90% of a maximum 21 clients throughout the year	72% achieved by the end of Q3 an on target to achieve 90% by the end of Q4
Reduce the potential for evictions and increase the number of clients maintaining stable accommodation within provider services	By the end of Q3; of the clients who left the support programme, 40% completed the programme achieving positive outcomes against the objectives.
Launch the Link Worker training sessions	Two full modules of training delivered to multi agency supported accommodation providers
Train 12 x Link Workers from across a range of supported housing providers within the first year	16 Link Workers trained by end of Q3 and a programme for the 09/10 year has been planned – 3 Modules training 24 Link Workers. The training was oversubscribed and a waiting list has been developed.
Maintain usage 'traffic' on the Mortarnet website	The website has maintained an average of 345 hits per month and has a total of 383 registered users signed up to the site since April 07.
Maintaining 'outreach' work in provider services and the Mortarnet Website to generate new enquiries and referrals for the team	The service has continued to generate new interest. Since April 08 there have been 76 enquiries from service users or provider services; 55 of these (72%) resulted in a referral
Offer a work based learning opportunity within the team for a member of staff from one of the provider services	A placement is planned to commence within Q4, providing the opportunity to one Hostel Worker for professional development within a psychology service

Fully Funded**13. Hove YMCA
Respite Scheme**

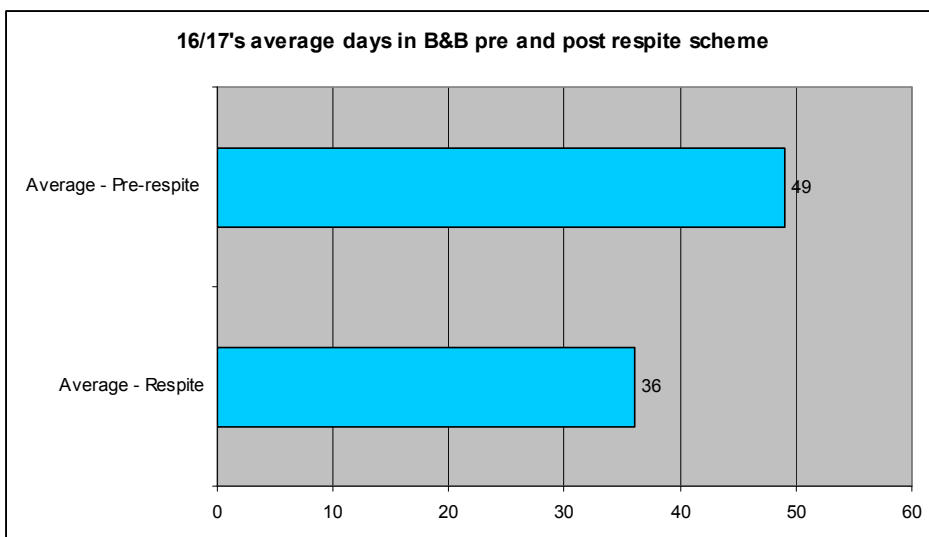
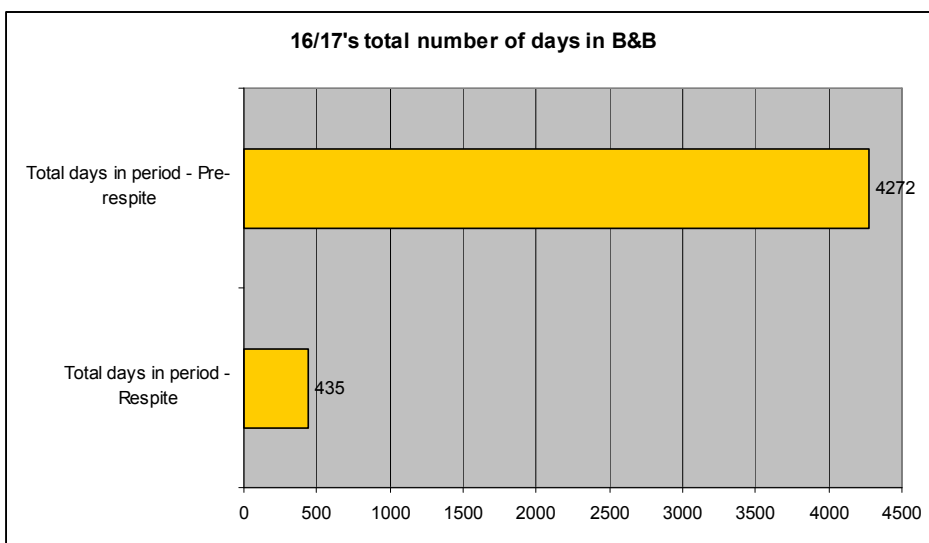
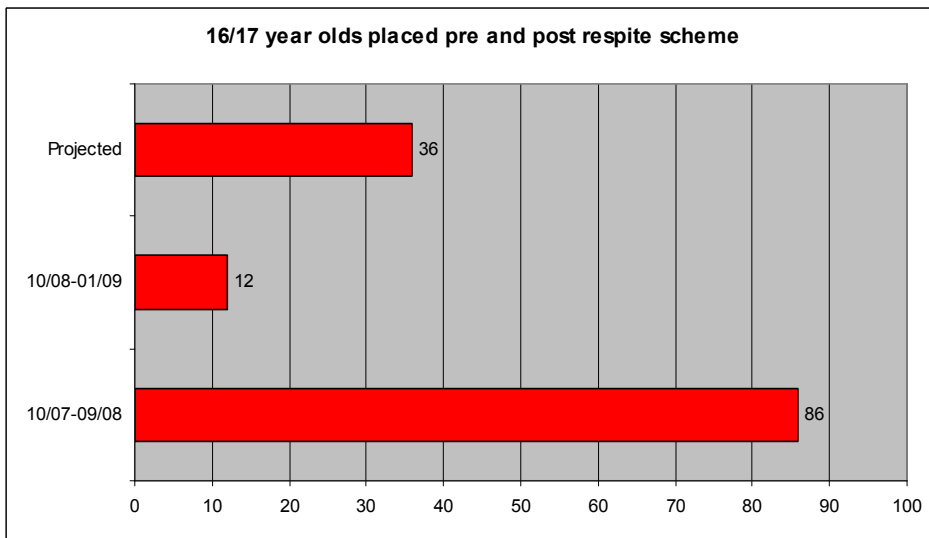
Eviction of young people from the family home continues to be one of the main causes of homelessness in Brighton and Hove. This Scheme was piloted as a result of consultation with the parents of young people locally, which identified that provision of short term respite accommodation to take the heat out of the crisis may have enabled the young person to return home.

Through the Youth Homelessness Strategy, the respite scheme has remodelled the existing units of supported accommodation to provide 5 short terms “crash pads” for young people. Designed to give a short term accommodation option following a family breakdown in order to provide both respite from the situation and therapeutic support to both the young person and the family on a whole family approach; The aim is to return the young person to family home after an agreed period.

Outcomes 2008/09

The scheme became operational in October 2008. Although this scheme is still at an early stage with 16 young people having used the scheme the results are good. 65% of the young people have been either returned to the family home or to that of another family member and 25% have used the crash pad until the young person can be moved to supported accommodation in a planned way.

As a result the number of 16/17 year olds that have required placements in to bed and breakfast has dropped from 86 during October 07 – October 08 (prior to the scheme) to 12 in the first four months of the scheme (October 08 – January 09) This forecasts a drop of 50 placements into B&B in a year. This also results in a drop actual B&B nights from 4,272 to 453 and drop in the average length of stay from 49 days to 36 days.



Outcomes 2009/10

Outcomes for the year have been agreed as follows :

Accommodation

The number of Young People who have moved into the scheme	12 per qtr
The number of YP who have moved out	12 per qtr
The number of YP who have returned home in the long-term	15%
The number of YP who have returned home in the short-term (with a plan to access accommodation)	20%
The number of YP who have left Respite and accessed supported accommodation, PRS or staying with relatives or friends.	65%

Support

The number of YP (living in Respite) and their families engaged in Family Solutions	70%
The number of YP and their families engaged with the Family Liaison Worker	70%
The number of YP living in Respite actively engaged with support	85%
The number of YP living in Respite who are EET	40%
Number of 16 and 17 year olds in B&B	>10 per qtr

14. Various Supported Housing Providers**Cash incentive Scheme**

This funding will increase the amount of rough sleeper “move on” accommodation available for hostel residents who are ready to move on to more independent living.

There are a number of service users in Assured Tenancies in RSL supported housing that are now part of the single homeless Integrated Support Pathway (ISP). The pathway provides a clear route for service users to move-on towards independence. Although current practice is to issue Assured Shorthold Tenancies in ISP properties, in the past Assured Tenancies have been issues meaning that there is a reduction in the amount of move-on accommodation available. This can result in the pathway becoming silted up and prevents some people from moving on when they are ready. This funding will provide a cash incentive to service users in Assured Tenancies to relocate to alternative accommodation either in the private sector or general needs RSL housing and allow movement for other service users in Bands 2 and 3 of the ISP.

New Initiatives**15. Brighton Housing Trust
Severe Weather Emergency Protocol (SWEP)**

The Council has to make provision for opening a severe weather shelter when the temperature falls below 0 degrees for more than three consecutive nights. In the past this has rarely happened in the locality. However in the past financial year the SWEP has been triggered on four occasions, over the Christmas period this lasted for 15 days. Brighton Housing Trust provide the cold weather shelter at First Base Day Centre – funding is to cover staffing and resource costs.

**16. Emergency/Supported Lodging Scheme
Brighton Nightstop**

It is proposed to set-up an emergency/ supported lodging scheme for the under 25 year olds. Brighton Nightstop will affiliate to the De Paul Trust who link into a national network of emergency lodging schemes for young people. The aim is to assist young single homeless people to access accommodation with resident landlords who will be willing to let out a spare room. Some of the placements will respond to emergency situations and if appropriate will become supported lodgings offering longer term housing solutions. This may also provide the homeowner with a much needed income in the current financial climate.

**17. Brighton and Hove City Council
Innovation Fund**

To promote the work of the City's Homelessness Partnership and provide funding for small pieces of work detailed on the Homelessness Strategy Action Plan to be undertaken by partner agencies.

**18. Hove YMCA
Respite Voids**

The Hove YMCA respite scheme is explained in number 13 above. The Scheme can only work if the 5 beds that have been allocated at Gareth Stacey House remain available for respite cases. This means that there is a potential for a higher void rate in these beds and the provision of this budgets allows for the higher rate of voids.

