

Written response to question / issue raised at People Panel (24 November 2022)

Meeting Date: 24 November 2022

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Minute Reference: PEP.58/22

People Panel

Written response to:

Head of Policy & Communication

Written response from: Informed by Head of Homeless Prevention and Accommodation

Services

Resolution / Question:

2) The Policy and Performance Officer provide the Panel with a written update regarding the increase of 10% to the end of private rented tenancies and what the Council could do to help the situation moving forward.

Response:

The Performance Report (Q2, 2022/23) stated that the main reason for homelessness at the point of presentation is due to an end of a private rented tenancy, showing an increase of 10% for the same period in 2021/22 or 54 households. Ending of tenancies within the social housing sector being stated as the main reason for homelessness has also increased from 10 to 23 cases for the same period in 21/22 to 22/23

In terms of the increase, this is considered in line with the expected levels experienced prior to the Covid-19 Pandemic. The figures for the same quarter in 2021/22 will have been lower than pre-pandemic values due to the freeze on evictions; this would account for the increase particularly within the six month period covering January to the end of June 22.

The team are monitoring this closely and are considering additional impacts such as the cost of living crisis.

Date: 22/12/22