

Appendix D: Accommodation Procurement Policy Action Plan 2022/23

Action Plan for procuring properties to meet housing need				
Action	2021/22 (actual)	2022/23 (estimate)	Timescale	Lead
Temporary Accommodation				
Directly purchase units for use as Temporary Accommodation, principally 2 and 3 bed properties for families, and studio and 1 bed properties for rough sleepers	26	59 for TA* 10 for Rough Sleepers	By March 2023 as part of ongoing programme	Divisional Head of Housing Needs
Work with current and new providers to maintain existing stock which meets standards e.g. renew existing leases and procure new properties	Total TA portfolio of c. 2700 properties	Continue to deliver total TA stock	Ongoing to meet statutory need	Divisional Head of Housing Needs
Through activity above to purchase and lease new properties, increase supply of larger size, in-borough and accessible units to meet housing needs of households living in TA that does not meet current need	Above activity targeted at new and existing TA households in unsuitable accommodation		Ongoing	Divisional Head of Housing Needs
Supporting households to move into the private rented sector to prevent homelessness	367	360	By March 2023	Divisional Head of Housing Needs, Support and Safety Homelessness Contract and Performance Manager
Ensure at any one time there is a sufficient pool of good quality suitable properties available for households in need	Ongoing	Ongoing	Ongoing	Head of Supply

*The Council has been directly purchasing properties for use as TA since 2014

The 2021/22 budget approval allowed for £92m of WCC capital investment to purchase a further 223 units and this supports delivery of the above plan. The table below sets out the remaining purchases in this programme.

Year	3/4 bed In Borough	2 bed in borough	2 bed out of borough	Targeted out of borough	Total
22/23	10	30	3	16	59
23/24		11	32	14	57
24/25			33	19	52
25/26				24	24

Discussions are continuing regarding expanding this programme, notably increasing levels of in-borough properties and the figures in the APP will be updated to reflect this.