

## PART A - Initial Impact Assessment

**Proposal Name:** Financial Impact of Temporary Nightly Paid Accommodation

**EIA ID:** 2546

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**Proposal Outline:** The report is to set out the financial impact of Temporary Nightly Paid Accommodation – B+B on Hostel Subsidy Loss. The report explains the background context to the current situation, including the escalating pressures on the budget. It outlines the current mitigations in place and the impacts on people's wellbeing. It also recommends five key priority actions to tackle the issue: -Targeted Homelessness Prevention Work in Areas with Highest Numbers of Temporary Accommodation Placements -Expand Access to Private Rented Properties to Prevent Homelessness -Commission More Supported Housing from Registered Housing Providers -Develop a Private Sector Leasing Option for TA -Use Unallocated Grants to offset the costs of B+B 2023/24

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**Proposal Type:** Budget

**Entered on QTier:** No

**QTier Ref:** #

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**Year Of Proposal:** 23/24

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**Lead Director for proposal:** Janet Sharpe (HSG)

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**Service Area:** housing solutions

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**EIA Start Date:** 22/01/2024

Lead Equality Objective:

Understanding Communities

Equality Lead Officer:

Adele Robinson

## Decision Type

Committees:

Policy Committees

- Housing

## Portfolio

Primary Portfolio:

Operational Services

EIA is cross portfolio:

No

EIA is joint with another organisation:

No

## Overview of Impact

Overview Summary:

The proposal will improve the outcomes for vulnerable people who have lost their homes by reducing the amount of time spent in B and B. The improved prevention will reduce the number of people who require TA and the improved accommodation options will provide a better experience. All five priority actions will improve outcomes and have a positive effect on the customer outcomes. As part of the TA strategy additional work is being done to look at the customer profile of those entering TA. This will show which groups are more likely to need TA and who will most benefit from an improved system. This information will be used to inform the TA strategy and an additional EIA will be done to support this. We know that the profile is similar to that of the overall cohort and therefore the work and EIA done as part of the Homelessness Prevention Strategy remains relevant. Those people who require TA are those whom we think

are likely to have a vulnerability which would give them a priority need. The impacts of this report will therefore likely have string positive impacts on those with vulnerabilities.

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**Impacted characteristics:**

- Age
- Armed Forces
- Care Experienced
- Carers
- Disability
- Health
- Partners
- Poverty & Financial Inclusion
- Pregnancy/Maternity
- Race
- Sex
- Sexual Orientation

## Consultation and other engagement

## Cumulative Impact

Does the proposal have a cumulative impact: No

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Impact areas:

## Initial Sign-Off

Full impact assessment required: Yes

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Review Date: 22/01/2024

## Health

**Staff Impacted:** No

**Customers Impacted:** Yes

**Description of Impact:** Losing your home or being threatened with homelessness causes stress, anxiety and poor health. This proposal will bring a positive impact to people who face homelessness/ rough sleeping as priority one focuses on prevention in the worst affected areas therefore reducing the number of people losing their home. Many people experiencing rough sleeping / homeless people suffer with physical and mental health. Creating additional capacity to deliver community-based housing advice in areas of the City with the highest numbers of placements in TA would enable more people to avoid becoming homeless. Preventing them from becoming homeless will have positive impacts on their health and wellbeing. Improving the options for TA will also provide a more stable environment which can positively impact on wellbeing.

**Name of Lead Health Officer:**

**Comprehensive Assessment Being Completed:** No

**Public Health Lead signed off health impact(s):**

## Age

**Staff Impacted:** No

**Customers Impacted:** Yes

**Description of Impact:** The Equalities impact assessment and other work done of the development of Homelessness Prevention Strategy identified this group as being at

risk of homelessness. Priority action one within this report focuses on prevention in areas worst affected which will reduce homelessness. The impact of this action will have a positive impact on those at risk of losing their home. The other actions improve the accommodation options to improve the outcomes if homelessness does occur.

## Armed Forces

**Staff Impacted:**

No

**Customers Impacted:**

Yes

**Description of Impact:**

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## Carers

**Staff Impacted:**

No

**Customers Impacted:**

Yes

**Description of Impact:**

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## Care Experienced

<b>Staff Impacted:</b>	No
<b>Customers Impacted:</b>	Yes
<b>Description of Impact:</b>	The Equalities impact assessment and other work done as part of the development of Homelessness Prevention Strategy identified this group as being at risk of homelessness. Priority action one within this report focuses on prevention in areas worst affected which will reduce homelessness. The impact of this action will have a positive impact on those at risk of losing their home. The other actions improve the accommodation options to improve the outcomes if homelessness does occur. This group are likely to require TA due to the likelihood of their characteristics meaning they would be in priority need. This proposal will have a positive impact on this group.

## Disability

<b>Staff Impacted:</b>	No
<b>Customers Impacted:</b>	Yes
<b>Description of Impact:</b>	The Equalities impact assessment and other work done as part of the development of Homelessness Prevention Strategy identified this group as being at risk of homelessness. Priority action one within this report focuses on prevention in areas worst affected which will reduce homelessness. The impact of this action will have a positive impact on those at risk of losing their home. The other actions improve the accommodation options to improve the outcomes if homelessness does occur. This group are likely to require TA due to the likelihood of their characteristics meaning they would be in priority need. This proposal will have a positive impact on this group.

## Partners

**Staff Impacted:**

Customers Impacted: Yes

Description of Impact: Priority Actions one to four will include working with our partners. The impacts will be positive both on partners and the customers we all work with.

## Poverty & Financial Inclusion

Staff Impacted: No

Customers Impacted: Yes

Description of Impact: The priority action one aims to prevent homelessness in the areas most effected. This will include work to reduce poverty and improve financial inclusion.

## Pregnancy / Maternity

Staff Impacted: No

Customers Impacted: Yes

Description of Impact: The Equalities impact assessment and other work done as part of the development of Homelessness Prevention Strategy identified this group as being at risk of homelessness. Priority action one within this report focuses on prevention in areas worst affected which will reduce homelessness. The impact of this action will have a positive impact on those at risk of losing their home. The other actions improve the accommodation options to improve the outcomes if homelessness does occur. This group are likely to require TA due to the likelihood of their characteristics meaning they would be in priority need. This proposal will have a positive impact on pregnant women and families with children.

## Race

Staff Impacted:

No  
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**Customers Impacted:**

Yes

**Description of Impact:**

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## Sexual Orientation

**Staff Impacted:**

No

**Customers Impacted:**

Yes

**Description of Impact:**

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## Action Plan & Supporting Evidence

**Outline of action plan:**

Following the Committee work will begin on drafting a temporary accommodation strategy to implement the priority actions. EIA will be undertaken then including actions.

**Action plan evidence:**

The EIA relies on the information gathered as part of the Homelessness Prevention Strategy. The strategy, committee and supporting documents including EIA are available here:



Changes made as a result of action plan:

## Mitigation

Significant risk after mitigation measures: No

Outline of impact and risks:

## Review Date

Review Date: 22/01/2024

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