

## Housing and Homelessness Revenue Budgets

2021/22 Budget	2021/22 Actuals	2022/23 Budget	2023/24 Budget
£	£	£	£

### SUMMARY OF NET EXPENDITURE

Enabling Role	129,590	82,878	136,820	91,460
Homeless Assistance	907,370	1,255,659	1,119,860	2,217,150
Housing Advice	60,320	60,149	56,300	59,850
Housing Renewal Grant	287,730	288,076	308,570	335,490
Shared Amenities	242,000	242,000	256,000	286,000
Stillwater Park	-9,200	-139,535	-76,740	-94,000
Sub-Standard Housing Including Slum Clearance	173,760	212,391	224,060	239,790
	<b><u>1,791,570</u></b>	<b><u>2,001,618</u></b>	<b><u>2,024,870</u></b>	<b><u>3,135,740</u></b>

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<b>Enabling Role</b>				
Employee Costs	103,820	64,605	108,370	71,250
Supplies and Services	8,000	5,036	8,000	8,000
Support Services	17,770	13,237	20,450	12,210
	<b>129,590</b>	<b>82,878</b>	<b>136,820</b>	<b>91,460</b>

The Government continues to encourage Local Authorities to promote the provision of affordable housing, including through Registered Providers. One of the roles of the Housing Section is to enable the provision of housing by such agencies.

The Housing Section investigates needs and opportunities, develops strategies and assists partner agencies in delivering projects, including allocation of funding secured through the Homes and Communities Agency.

### Homeless Assistance

Employee Costs	1,261,300	1,221,533	1,291,090	1,552,090
Premises	195,460	426,996	201,760	240,110
Transport Related Costs	0	22	0	0
Supplies and Services	2,467,100	3,622,272	2,796,400	4,731,400
Support Services	199,550	148,643	245,700	266,130
	<b>4,123,410</b>	<b>5,419,465</b>	<b>4,534,950</b>	<b>6,789,730</b>
Income	-3,216,040	-4,163,806	-3,415,090	-4,572,580
	<b>907,370</b>	<b>1,255,659</b>	<b>1,119,860</b>	<b>2,217,150</b>

The Council has a statutory duty to provide assistance for persons who find themselves homeless. Costs under this heading are incurred for the provision of temporary accommodation in the private sector. This includes the use of bed and breakfast accommodation but the Council also operates a loan deposit scheme and operates a Private Sector Leasing (PSL) scheme to provide an efficient and high quality service to homeless households.

Recent years have seen increases in housing need and homelessness problems and this has led to greater use of bed and breakfast accommodation. With the economic position and welfare reform, pressure on the homelessness services remains high. The Council continues to look for more cost effective and satisfactory ways of providing temporary accommodation and of preventing homelessness.

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<b>Housing Advice</b>				
Employee Costs	51,500	51,329	47,420	51,080
Support Services	8,820	8,820	8,880	8,770
	<b>60,320</b>	<b>60,149</b>	<b>56,300</b>	<b>59,850</b>

The provision of housing advice is a statutory requirement and can help to prevent homelessness and rough sleeping by providing information on rights and housing options to people with housing problems. As well as advice, the Council is able to provide assistance to homeless households.

Homelessness prevention by the provision of housing advice and assistance has been a key factor in limiting the use of temporary accommodation.

### Housing Renewal Grant

Employee Costs	245,670	256,746	259,550	286,390
Support Services	42,060	31,330	49,020	49,100
	<b>287,730</b>	<b>288,076</b>	<b>308,570</b>	<b>335,490</b>

This budget covers the administration cost of the Private Sector Housing Renewal Grant system. The actual grants are treated as capital expenditure and form part of the Capital Programme. Grants and loans are available (subject to funding) for property owners (and sometimes private tenants) to encourage repair and improvement of housing conditions, in line with the Housing Act 2004. These include packages to bring dwellings, including mobile homes, up to a decent standard for habitation and assist with maintaining independence in the home.

Mandatory Disabled Facilities Grants for private and Housing Association owned properties are awarded to adapt dwellings to meet the needs of disabled occupiers. Expenditure on these private sector grants is generally funded by Government Grant. A separate funding arrangement exists for tenants in Council-owned properties.

### Shared Amenities

Supplies and Services	242,000	242,000	256,000	286,000
	<b>242,000</b>	<b>242,000</b>	<b>256,000</b>	<b>286,000</b>

This is a contribution from the General Fund to the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) towards the cost of providing amenities on estates managed by the HRA, which are shared by the whole community.

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<b>Stillwater Park</b>				
Employee Costs	22,320	22,246	25,290	27,490
Premises	138,470	65,349	71,890	72,930
Supplies and Services	3,270	0	3,270	3,270
Support Services	3,800	2,831	4,770	4,710
	<u>167,860</u>	<u>90,426</u>	<u>105,220</u>	<u>108,400</u>
Income	-177,060	-229,961	-181,960	-202,400
	<u><b>-9,200</b></u>	<u><b>-139,535</b></u>	<u><b>-76,740</b></u>	<u><b>-94,000</b></u>

The Council operates a mobile home park at Poulner, Ringwood, with standings for 69 mobile homes. A Service charge is applicable to each standing.

### **Sub-Standard Housing Including Slum Clearance**

Employee Costs	183,240	190,604	190,130	206,390
Supplies and Services	0	1,017	0	0
Support Services	31,390	23,382	35,930	35,400
	<u>214,630</u>	<u>215,002</u>	<u>226,060</u>	<u>241,790</u>
Income	-40,870	-2,611	-2,000	-2,000
	<u><b>173,760</b></u>	<u><b>212,391</b></u>	<u><b>224,060</b></u>	<u><b>239,790</b></u>

The condition of the private sector housing stock, including homes in multiple occupation, (over 70,000 properties) are kept under continual review with the object of ensuring that serious hazards are eliminated, and dwellings are repaired/improved, occupation prohibited, property boarded up or demolished as appropriate. Visits with regard to overcrowding, immigration or providing reports to Housing Needs in support of re-housing will also be undertaken.

Complaints concerning tenanted dwellings in poor condition are investigated and the necessary mandatory action taken to eliminate category 1 and significant category 2 hazards (including service of legal notice when necessary). Costs incurred for the service of notice or works in default can be recovered from the property owner. The Council also monitors and licences Houses in Multiple Occupation.

The Council works with the owners of long term empty homes to increase the local supply of housing and reduce the negative impact that neglected homes can have on communities. Loans are offered to assist in bringing properties up to standard so they can be let via our private sector leasing scheme, and in some circumstances we can take control of improving & letting an empty home via an Empty Dwelling Management Order.