

LOCAL AUTHORITY HOUSING FUND ROUND 3

- 4.2 The Panel discussed the Local Authority Housing Fund Round 3 Report at its meeting on 11th July 2024.
- 4.3 Councillor Shaw expressed his support for the scheme and enquired whether the appropriate volunteer groups had capacity to support these residents. In response to which, the Panel were assured that there was constant communication with volunteer groups who are in place to ensure support is provided.
- 4.4 Following an enquiry from Councillor Alban, it was clarified to the Panel that Temporary Accommodation was transitory short term accommodation and that Permanent Accommodation was a permanent tenancy agreement. It was further clarified that these accommodations were part funded by grants and partly by the Housing Associations, and that Huntingdonshire's investment in the project was limited to Officer time and resource.
- 4.5 In response to a question from Councillor Tevlin, it was confirmed that the plan contained within the report was fully scoped and funded and that as Home Office funding had already been utilised for other parts of the scheme, there was no reason to suggest that this would change with the continuation of the programme.
- 4.6 The Panel heard, in response to a question from Councillor McAdam, that the permanent accommodation properties secured for the scheme would be under ten years old. The Panel further heard that this round of the programme was a two year programme and would be very similar to the first round.
- 4.7 Following a question from Councillor Shaw, the Panel were advised that the Housing Associations had not requested additional funding from the Council to implement this programme but that any such requests would be assessed on a case by case basis.
- 4.8 Following the discussion, the Panel were informed that their comments would be added to the Cabinet report in order for an informed decision to be made on the report recommendations.