

# Business Support Overview and Scrutiny Committee

BRIEFING NOTE – No. 1/2015

**Date:** 27 March 2015

**To:** All Members of the Business Support Overview & Scrutiny Committee

**Purpose:** This briefing note was as a result of discussion at the meeting of this Committee on 4 December 2014

**Heading:** **SUPPORTED ACCOMMODATION**

The Council following the ending of the national Supporting People Regime made a decision that it would re-commission the housing related support services, which had transferred to the Strategic Housing Service from Social Care. This commissioning built upon and reflected work undertaken as part of the Supported Housing Task Group established in 2012 by the Regeneration, Community and Culture Overview & Scrutiny Committee. Following this work an update was then provided to the Business Support Overview & Scrutiny Committee to whom the responsibility for housing had now passed in February 2014.

Details of services which have now been commissioned include:-

Provider Name	Service	Units
Langley House Trust	Specialist Accommodation - Offenders	15
ECHG ---Riverside ECHG	Accommodation - Homelessness	45
Langley House Trust	Specialist Accommodation - Offenders	12
MHS Community Charity	Young Persons - Foyer	27
Casa Support	Domestic Abuse support, assessment and Refuges	54
Pathways	Specialist Accommodation - Offenders	14
Pathways	Accommodation - Homelessness	48
West Kent Housing	Floating Support - Generic	394
Avante - Stepahead	Specialist Accommodation - Young Persons	33
West Kent Housing	Specialist Floating Support - Substance misuse/Offenders	151

The Housing Related Support has been developed to improve the quality of life of vulnerable socially excluded local residents through the delivery of preventative housing support services and to assist people to achieve their potential for independent living. The services aim to move as many applicants towards being able to live independently as possible. Services will do this by achieving the following;

- To provide support in a safe and stable environment
- To assess the needs of individuals and provide an agreed planned programme of support, detailed in a support plan, working with the service user and other agencies as applicable to enable holistic service delivery
- To enable individuals to move on and maximise their independence and maintain a tenancy

- To facilitate access to other services as appropriate such as health related services, benefits, education, employment and social care
- Facilitates access to rehabilitation/specialist services dependent on need.
- To provide 6 weeks floating support when clients leave the service when a positive move on has been achieved.

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