

HOUSING COMMITTEE MEETING

Agenda Item 20

Brighton & Hove City Council

Subject:	Cost Benefit Analysis for Housing Related Support Services		
Date of Meeting:	25th September 2013		
Report of:	Executive Director, Environment, Development and Housing		
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Ward(s) affected:	All		

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1. PURPOSE OF REPORT AND POLICY CONTEXT

- 1.1 .A 'Cost Benefit Analysis' for housing-related support services in the city was undertaken in 2009 applying a methodology developed by Capgemini on behalf of the Department of Communities and Local Government and validated at a national level. This methodology is based on a 'predictive peer review' approach which assesses evidence from existing provision for housing-related support ('*Supporting People*' services) across different local authorities to compare costs. This report presents an overview of the updated 'Cost Benefit Analysis' for housing-related support services in 2013. The full document is attached as Appendix 1.
- 1.2 The 'predictive peer review' methodology involved 15 local authorities. Each local authority assessed their local levels of needs of housing-related support services and calculated costs of alternative service provision that would be required in the absence of housing-related support services. The costs of alternative provision are compared to calculate the cost benefit ratios for different vulnerable client groups. The cost benefit ratio is time-limited and only considers immediate or near immediate costs of alternative service provision.
- 1.3 This methodology enabled us to input our own local costs for housing-related support for Brighton and Hove. The cost-benefits are the likely costs incurred of alternative provision in the absence of housing-related support and outlines the implied savings achieved through investment in housing-related support services.
- 1.4 In 2009 the cost benefit for housing related support services indicated that for every £1 spent of housing related support (Supporting People) services, the city saved £3.24.

- 1.5 In 2013, applying the same methodology with updated costs, the cost benefit for housing related support (Supporting People) services indicated that for every £1 spent on housing related support the city saves £4.11.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That the Housing Committee notes the report and attached Cost Benefit Analysis

3. CONTEXT/ BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 The initial Cost Benefit Analysis was first carried out locally in 2009 as part of reviewing the previous 'Supporting People' strategy to inform the current Commissioning Strategy for housing-related support 2011-2015 for Brighton and Hove.

4. ANALYSIS & CONSIDERATION OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 4.1 This is the recommended methodology from the Communities and Local Government and has been designed to undertake a cost benefit analysis specifically for housing related support services.

5. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & CONSULTATION

- 5.1 There has been no community engagement in this cost benefit analysis, however, case studies from providers of housing-related support services have been described to illustrate cost benefits for different vulnerable client groups.

6. CONCLUSION

- 6.1 That the updated cost benefit analysis 2013 is noted and approved.

7. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Financial Implications:

- 7.1 The current 2013/14 gross budget for Housing Related Support is £10.548million and helps the most vulnerable in the city to work towards achieving and sustaining a level of independence through housing-related support services funded by the programme.

The Cost Benefit Analysis work for 2013 has been completed within existing resources and will be used to inform the budget strategy for 2014/15 and to review the Housing Related Support Strategy from 2015/16

Finance Officer Consulted: Neil Smith

Date: 11/09/13

Legal Implications:

- 7.2 Since the report is for information only there are no significant legal implications to draw to Member's attention.

Equalities Implications:

- 7.3 There has not been an Equalities Impact Assessment carried out on this analysis as there is no change in service or delivery, however, the current Commissioning Strategy for housing-related support 2011-2015 has had a full Equalities Impact Assessment.

Sustainability Implications:

- 7.4 There are no sustainability implications.

Any Other Significant Implications:

- 7.5 None

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendix 1:

1. Cost Benefit Analysis 2013 – Full Report

Documents in Members' Rooms

None

Background Documents

1. Cost Benefit Analysis 2009

