

Action Plan

- ▶ Assess local demand through review and interrogation of Waiting Lists, Latent Demand Testing and DEA Housing Action Plans.
- ▶ Examine new opportunities for mixed use development to include town centre housing solutions.
- ▶ Identify suitable public land for housing in the district.
- ▶ Promote improved understanding of housing need in an inclusive society.
- ▶ Promote mixed tenure developments.
- ▶ Consider the issue of Developer Contributions within the Local Development Plan.
- ▶ Support the implementation of the recommendations of the Review Common Selection Scheme.
- ▶ Implement Homelessness Action Plan.
- ▶ Identify the impact and plan for the end of mitigation of 'bedroom tax'.
- ▶ Support local poverty relief initiatives eg food banks.
- ▶ Ensure all partners are actively engaged with the NMD Age-Friendly Strategy and that the local seniors forums are engaged and contribute to the development of sustainable housing policies.
- ▶ Consider housing options for those who need more complex housing requirements, and research best practice solutions.

Next Steps

As a result of the Housing Needs Conference a sub-group will be set up. The sub-group will focus on the agreed priorities and aim to deliver the actions identified in this document. Members of the sub-group will include Northern Ireland Housing Executive, Newry, Mourne and Down District Council, South Eastern and Southern Health and Social Care Trusts, Department for Communities and Housing Associations.

The sub-group will report regularly on progress to the 'Living Well Together' Community Planning Partnership Board.

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Newry, Mourne and Down

Housing Need Action Plan

Introduction

Access to quality, affordable housing is fundamental to the positive health and wellbeing of all our citizens. Addressing housing need in Newry, Mourne and Down has been identified as a key priority of our **‘Living Well Together’** Community Plan.

A major Housing Needs Conference was held at the Canal Court, Newry in February 2019. The event was attended by representatives from the Northern Ireland Housing Executive, housing associations, independent property developers, the community and voluntary sector and statutory bodies. All delegates met with local Councillors, MLAs and MPs.

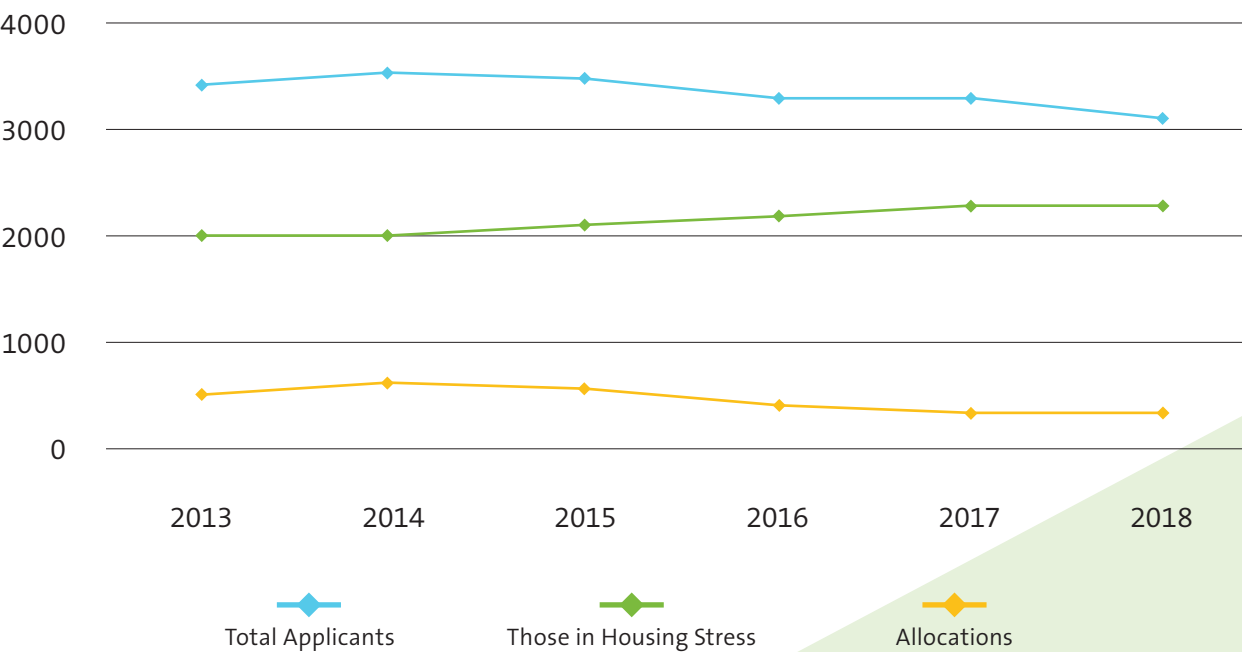
The aim of the conference was to review the scope and nature of housing need, current work and to identify future areas of focus to improve access to social housing in Newry, Mourne and Down district.

Through partnership working across agencies, a sub-group will be set up and an action plan will be developed to address the housing need issues and improve access to social and affordable housing in the district.

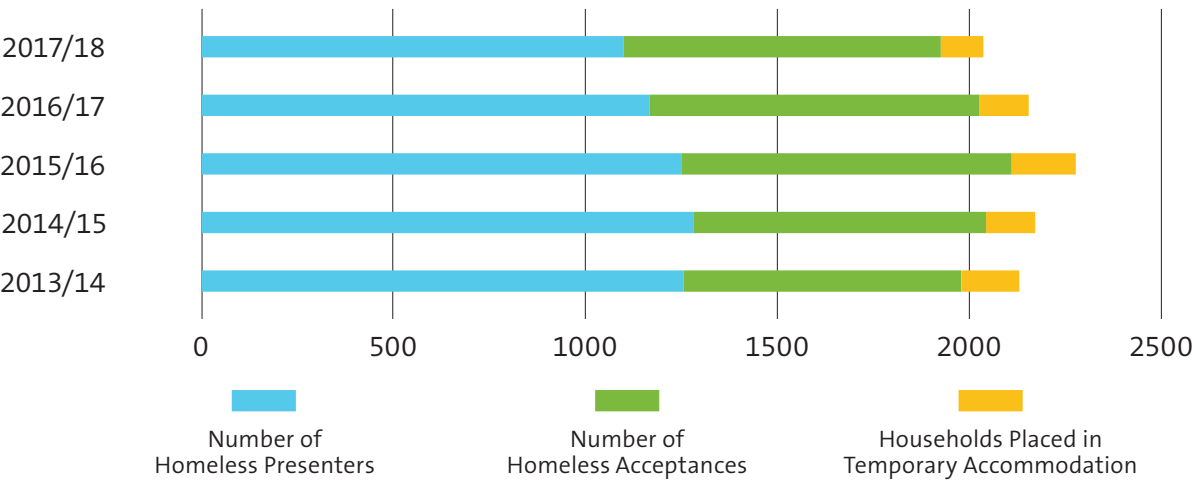
The Local Development Plan (LDP) will also provide a 15-year framework to support the social and economic needs of the district and aligns with the Community Plan outcomes.

Background

Social Housing Waiting List Trends in Newry, Mourne and Down District from 2013 – 2018



Homeless Figures in Newry, Mourne and Down District from 2013 – 2018



Housing Need and Land Availability in Newry, Mourne and Down District from 2012 – 2030

Housing Need		
Housing Growth Indicators* (HGI) aligned to LDP Period 2012-2030		15,092
Available Housing Land (Housing Monitor April 2016)		
	Area Remaining (Hectares)	Remaining Potential (Units)
Zoned/Approved Housing Sites	635	13,418
Estimated Provision Through Rural Planning Policy	N/A	3,532
Units Completed (2012-2016)	N/A	1,115
Total Potential Housing within the District up to 2030	N/A	18,065

*The Department for Infrastructure published revised HGIs in April 2016 which provide an estimate of the new dwelling requirement for the region from 2012-2025. Currently these HGIs are under review.

New Build Starts and Completions in Newry, Mourne and Down District from 2013-2019

