


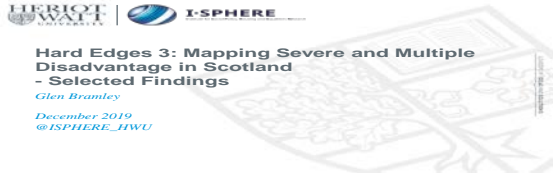


### Housing Solutions Partnership meeting

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2019, 14.00 – 16.00, Brock Training Room, 16 Church Street

**Present:** John Kerr (Chair, WDC) Colette Bryson (Social Security Scotland), Carolann Valley (CWA), Sarah Weed (WDC), Laura Haining (Action for Children), Emily Dorrian (WDC), Joanne Sutherland (WDC), Angela Sprott (HSCP), Douglas McIntyre (HSCP), Fiona Campbell (Clydebank HA), Martin Harvey (Knowes HA), Allan White (HSCP), Ann Drennan (HSCP), Nora Sheridan (DWP), Elizabeth Donaldson (DWP), Claire English (WDC), Maxine Robb (WDC), Donna Kirkwood (WDC), Patricia McShane (Dunbritton HA), Glen Bramley (Herriot Watt Uni), Suzanne Marshall (WDC), Jennifer MacMahon (WDC)

**Apologies:** Diane Docherty (Convenor, Housing and Communities Committee), Leigh Pentland (WDC), Joe McCormick (Citizens Advice), Susie Bryne (WDC), Catherine Wilkie (The Wheatley Group), Gary Whyte (WDC), Helen Barclay (HSCP), Gillian Robertson (Caledonia HA), Elizabeth Gillespie (DDWA), Janine Jardine (DDWA), Edward Thomas (WDC), Karen Grainger (Knowes HA)

Agenda items		Notes and agreed actions
1.	Welcome and Introductions John Kerr, Housing Development and Homelessness Manager	
2.	Note of previous meeting John Kerr	Note was agreed as accurate reflection of meeting.
3.	Social Security Scotland Colette Bryson, Local Delivery Relationship Lead,	<p>Colette gave a presentation. Please see attached.</p>  <p>Social Security Scotland Presentator</p> <p>Action Colette to send out links:</p> <p>Please see attached links to the Social Security Scotland and Scottish Government websites containing all the information you may need regarding benefits etc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· <a href="#">Social Security Scotland</a></li> <li>· <a href="#">The Local Delivery Team</a></li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Stakeholder Resources for posters, leaflets etc.</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Scottish Government website containing information on consultations</a></li> </ul>
4.	<p>Hard Edges Scotland          Glen Bramley, Prof. Urban Studies, Herriot Watt University.</p>	<p>Glen gave a presentation. Please see attached. (double click the picture)</p> 
5.	<p>Early Action Project          Laura Haining, Practice Team Leader, Action for Children</p>	<p>Laura gave a presentation. Please see attached.</p>  <p>Early Action System Change          West Dunbartonshire</p> 
6.	<p>West Dunbartonshire Update          John Kerr, Housing Development and Homelessness Manager</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RRTP update to be with the Scottish Government by June 2020</li> <li>• We wanted £470k for year 2 of the RRTP funding but we received £251K. The funding implication is that we may have to dilute some ambition</li> <li>• Housing First – up and running and will continually update HSP on progress including tracker information</li> <li>• Council’s Buyback policy now extended and providing an additional vehicle to move families out of temporary accommodation.</li> <li>• Housing Options service to be targeted at specific groups</li> </ul>
7.	<p>West Housing Options Hub update          Joanne Sutherland, Homelessness and Homeless Prevention Co-ordinator</p>	<p>Housing Options the toolkit - Module 1 of the training toolkit is complete. Module 2 is out for consultation. Contact is being made with all Learning and Development departments in each LA.</p>

		<p>Shore Standards - are to be reviewed next year. The West Hub is doing good work but we are not seeing what SPS are doing. Different prisons operate differently. This can cause problems with prisoners getting access to our resettlement officer. This is the same for all local authority housing reps. In some prisons interviews take place in the cells and in others it is in the link centre. SPS need to encourage prisoners to speak to their local authority housing rep.</p>
8.	Welfare Reform update DWP	<p>Universal Credit is now 1 year live.</p> <p>Nora is happy to come to speak to organisations about all the changes and how things are working.</p> <p>There is a list of case manager but they can only be contacted via a generic email.</p>
10.	AOCB	None
11.	Date of Next Meeting:	13 <sup>th</sup> February 2020