

CABINET MEMBER UPDATE REPORT
Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Regeneration and Skills)

COUNCILLOR	PORTFOLIO	DATE
Liz Dowd	Communities and Partnership Engagement	17 September 2024

Addendum

Procurement of Temporary Accommodation

Sefton is currently facing its highest demand for homelessness related support than it ever has. Sefton is not alone in this, and these are pressures that all local authorities in the country are also facing. Although many of the issues driving these homeless pressures are out of the Council's direct control there are several workstreams that are progressing as quickly as possible to strengthen our ability to help residents in this situation. Sefton currently has a significant and growing need, and the cost of managing this need is increasing significantly.

One mitigation, subject to Cabinet approval, is to improve the procurement of temporary accommodation through conducting a tendering exercise. This will ensure that good quality temporary accommodation is readily available for those eligible homeless households that require it and will help to reduce the cost of providing this accommodation.