

Assurance Map

Cluster – Early Intervention and Community Empowerment

Corporate Risk Register Risk:

1. **Excessive resettlement and asylum demand and risk of harm** - There is a risk that Aberdeen City Council and partners are unable to provide appropriate levels of support to people arriving in the city as refugees or asylum seekers.

There is a risk of increased homelessness presentations and sustained demand for core services including; housing support services, education, community learning and development, children and families social work and resettlement support arising from external factors including arrivals of displaced people from other Scottish cities who can present as homeless due to the removal of “local connection” and the potential requirement for RAAC decants.

There is a financial risk to the Council that increased demand and supporting activities required in this area are not fully funded.

Cluster Risk Register Risks:

1. **Inability to meet the Unsuitable Accommodation Order** - There is a risk to the Council of not being compliant with the Homeless Persons (Unsuitable Accommodation) (Scotland) Order
2. **Risk to the welfare of children, young people and families due to the increase in the cost of living, and the long-term impact of Covid-19**
3. **Safeguarding amongst refugee communities** - There is a risk that safeguarding issues for children and adults become prevalent and cannot be assessed as refugee communities move from hotel accommodation to settled accommodation.
4. **Void Property Management** - There is a risk that the level of void properties leaves ACC unable to house applicants appropriately or timeously, affecting quality of life, increasing spend on hotels and reducing rental income.

First Line of Defence (Do-ers)	Second Line of Defence (Helpers)	Third Line of Defence (Checkers)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trained and qualified staff • Operational procedures and guidance documentation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CMT Boards • Council Committees • Policy Documentation • Senior Management Team (SMT) undertakes review of Cluster Operational Risk Register • Full Council • Organisational Resilience Group • Strategic Partnership Group 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual External Audit and report • Community Planning Aberdeen • Education Scotland - CLD Strategy and performance (HGIOCLD) • Scottish Housing Regulator - Annual return on housing performance; annual risk assessment

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warm Scottish Welcome Delivery Board • Resettlement Strategic Partnership Group • Home Office Afghan Resettlement Meetings • Scottish Government Better Homes Division • Joint Assurance Board (Ukrainian Displaced People) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scottish Social Services Council - Registered Housing Support Services • Care Inspectorate for Registered Housing Support Services • Scotland and Scottish Library & Information Council - Ambition & Opportunity: National Strategy for Public Library Services, and performance framework (HGIOPLS) • Scotland and Scottish Library & Information Council and Education Scotland -Vibrant Libraries thriving schools : Strategy for School Libraries -and performance HGIOSL • Financial Inclusion Team - Scottish National Standards for Advice and Information Providers Scottish Legal Aid Board • Scottish Government - Child Poverty Action Plan • Scottish Government Homelessness reporting and Rapid rehousing Transition Plan scrutiny
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