

(7) PREVENTING HOMELESSNESS STRATEGY - ADDENDUM

The updated draft Strategy presented for approval includes a number of priority actions (see Appendix A - page 20). Four of these have timeframes/target dates that have already passed and, therefore, they have been reviewed. Relevant updates, including suggested changes, are set out below:-

Key Action Requirement	Timescale	Responsible Officer	Progress Update
Explore the need for and develop if required a 'fit for purpose' Rent Deposit Scheme in partnership with Private Letting Officer/Client Support	November 2018 <i>Change this date to 31st March 2019</i>	Private Letting Officer/Client Support	<i>A trial scheme has been set up at WODC. Once the success of this has been assessed, value and take-up monitored, this will potentially be rolled out to Cotswold (and FODDC). An amended timescale is therefore suggested - 31st March 2019.</i>
Secure property in Ashcroft Road, Cirencester for emergency accommodation	December 2018 <i>Completed</i>	Service Manager(s)/Private Letting Officer	<i>The Croft in Ashcroft Road was handed back to the Council towards the end of 2018, and is now undergoing a refurbishment programme.</i>
Source additional emergency accommodation in district	December 2018 <i>Take off the list</i>	Private Letting Officer/Housing Manager	<i>This is not applicable at the moment and should be removed from the list as we have now secured the property in Ashcroft Road, Cirencester - we will wait to assess its usage and demand before moving forward with further projects.</i>
Duty to Refer project - consistent approach	October 2018 <i>Completed</i>	Housing Manager	<i>This item is completed. A County-wide Duty to Refer event for relevant statutory agencies was held in October 2018. Some statutory agencies - such as DWP (Department for Work and Pensions) and Probation - were advised not to use local referral preferences, so Government-recommended email in-boxes have been set up to address this.</i>

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