

Area Committee Report – Bestwood, Bulwell and Bulwell Forest



Housing Register	Band Homeless	Band 2	Band 3	Band 4	Band 5	Housing and Health Applicants	Pending-Awaiting Banding Decision	Victoria Centre Applicants	Homelink Plus
8543	524	1181	2047	2870	1376	50	161	330	4
	Single	Couple	Family with 1 Child	Family with 2 Children	Family with 3 Children	Family with 4 Children	Family with over 4 Children	Homelink Plus	Unclassified
	4597	847	1327	780	535	224	161	4	68

Ward	Stock Size	Housing Income Management 2020/21		Year	Lettings and Relocation Support		New Tenancy Sustainment	Repairs and Maintenance	
		Accounts in credit	Accounts in Over 3 Months of Arrears		Lettable Voids	Average Relet Time		% of Successful New Tenancies	Number of Works Appointments
Bestwood	2764	64.20%	5.14%	2020/21	34	26.95	97.50%	3521	98.24%
				2019/20	12	17.74	96.82%	6839	98.98%
Bulwell	2476	65.09%	3.38%	2020/21	20	27.03	97.01%	3245	99.04%
				2019/20	20	23.48	98.32%	6375	98.82%
Bulwell Forest	621	65.70%	2.91%	2020/21	5	17.94	96.43%	809	98.39%
				2019/20	3	38.31	100.00%	1516	98.94%

Housing Income Management commentary: Arrears have increased slightly.. We have now been able to start some enforcement action, working with the "won't payers" to start some reduction in their debts. We have had our first handful of Court hearings, but there are some evictions that have been delayed until July. There are some large debts that we have no ability to recover at present. We have rolled out our new recovery process and we are working to support those who are still struggling financially due to the impact of Covid-19. We are still maintaining a 100% collection rate.

Lettings and Relocation Support commentary: We have implemented the new allocations policy on our IT systems and this has led to a slight reduction in the number of applicants through data cleansing. However the number of new applicants continues to increase and we are working hard to process each application and ensure people are able to apply for a new home. We have seen an increase in voids and average relet time compared to last year due to the impact of Covid-19. In part this has been due to the number of people willing to move in this uncertain period, and in particular older people, which has impacted on letting our Independent Living homes. There has also been an impact on carrying out work in empty homes as we need to ensure social distancing guidelines are followed but we are increasing resources to reduce the number of voids. We continue to work to prioritise housing the homeless and most vulnerable.

Responsive Repairs continue to offer a full repairs service throughout the second and third lockdowns, the deferred repairs from the first lockdown were completed back in October 2020. Demand for our repair service is high, our work colleagues have the appropriate PPE and follow Covid risk assessments to ensure that repairs are completed in a safe manner.

Repairs receive;

- 200 emergency orders per day with 99% of those completed in target.
- 200 appointed jobs per day with 97% attended on time.
- Our Mechanical and Electrical team continued to deliver the gas servicing programme and currently every home has a valid gas certificate.

New Tenancy Sustainment

Commentary:

Unsuccessful new tenancy reasons			
Surrender		1	
Right to Buy	1		
Rehoused	1	2	1
Notice to Quit - Private Rented		1	
Notice to Quit - Lodging	2		
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Customer Insight

Complaints - 2020/21

Voids and New Tenancy Services	1	1	
Tenancy and Estate Management	5	7	4
Sustainable Energy	1	1	
Service Improvement	2	1	2
Responsive Repairs	37	24	8
Rents, Leaseholders and Income M...	3		
Other	3	3	
Nottingham on Call	1		
NCC Garden Assist	1	3	
Minor Works	9	6	
Mechanical and Electrical	32	28	3
Major Works	3	1	
Lifts, Aerials, Water hygiene - Comp...		1	
Independent Living			1
Estate Caretaking	1		
Customer Service Centre	11	9	2
CR&M Business Services	15	11	2
Corporate Services		1	
Asset Management	3	1	
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Anti-Social Behaviour

Case Type	Bestwood		Bulwell		Bulwell Forest	
	2019/20	2020/21	2019/20	2020/21	2019/20	2020/21
Alcohol Related			1			2
Criminal Behaviour / Crime	1	4	3			
Domestic Abuse	12	14	2	5		1
Drugs / Substance Misuse / Drug Dealing	2	4	1	2		
Garden Nuisance	16	5	15	5	3	1
Hate-Related Incidents	5	1	4			
Litter / Rubbish / Fly-Tipping	1	1		2	1	1
Misuse of Communal Area or Loitering	3		1	1	1	1
Noise	26	21	3	9	3	1
Pets and Animal Nuisance		3	2	3	1	3
Physical Violence	8		1	1	3	2
Prostitution / Sexual Acts / Kerb Crawling		1		1		
Tenancy Fraud (TFI'S ONLY)	13	6	10	6		
Vandalism and Damage to Property	4		1	2		
Verbal / Harassment / Intimidation / Threatening	24	10	8	4	4	4
Staff abuse (VIA)	6	4	1		1	1
Grand Total	121	74	53	41	17	17