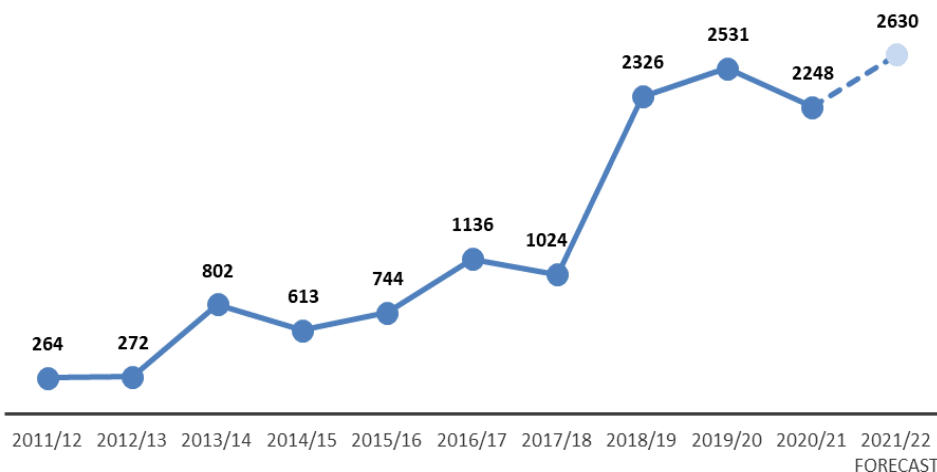


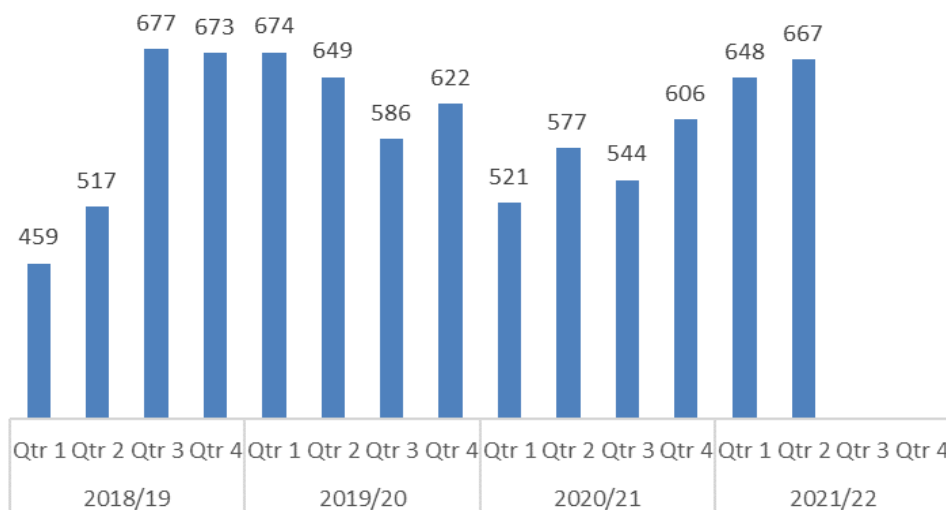
HOMELESSNESS & ROUGH SLEEPING PANDEMIC IMPACTS, TRENDS AND CHALLENGES

Report of the Director of Housing Services

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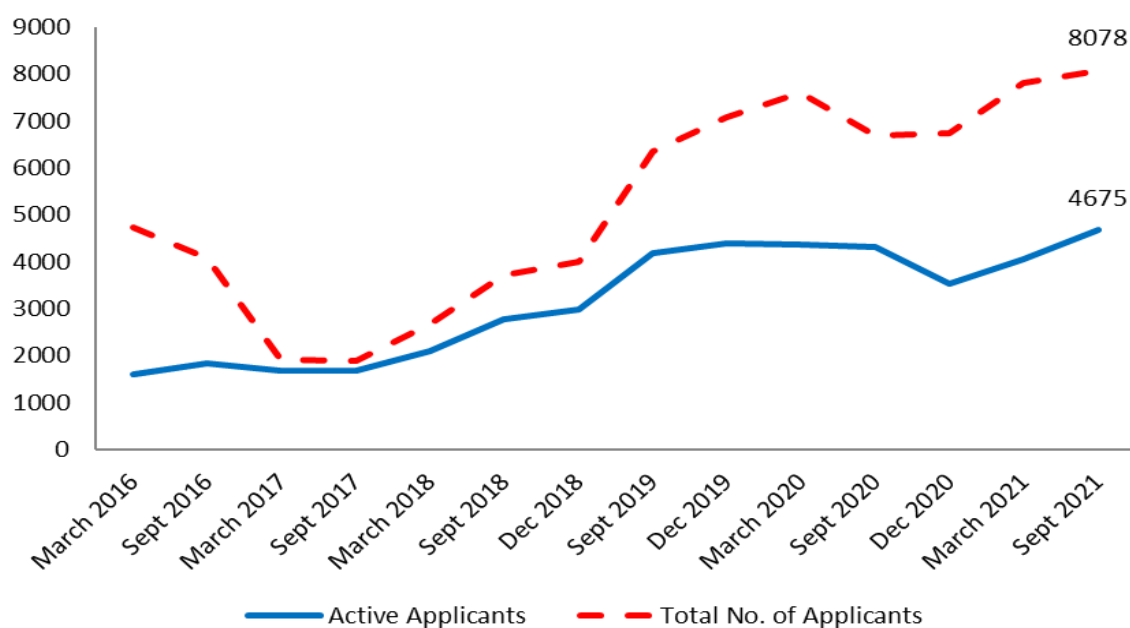
The bar chart below shows numbers of approaches from 2018 to current, this shows a steady increase in approaches since measures relaxed and the eviction ban was lifted.



We anticipate that these numbers will continue to rise and on this basis we are facing the highest level of homeless approaches in a decade.

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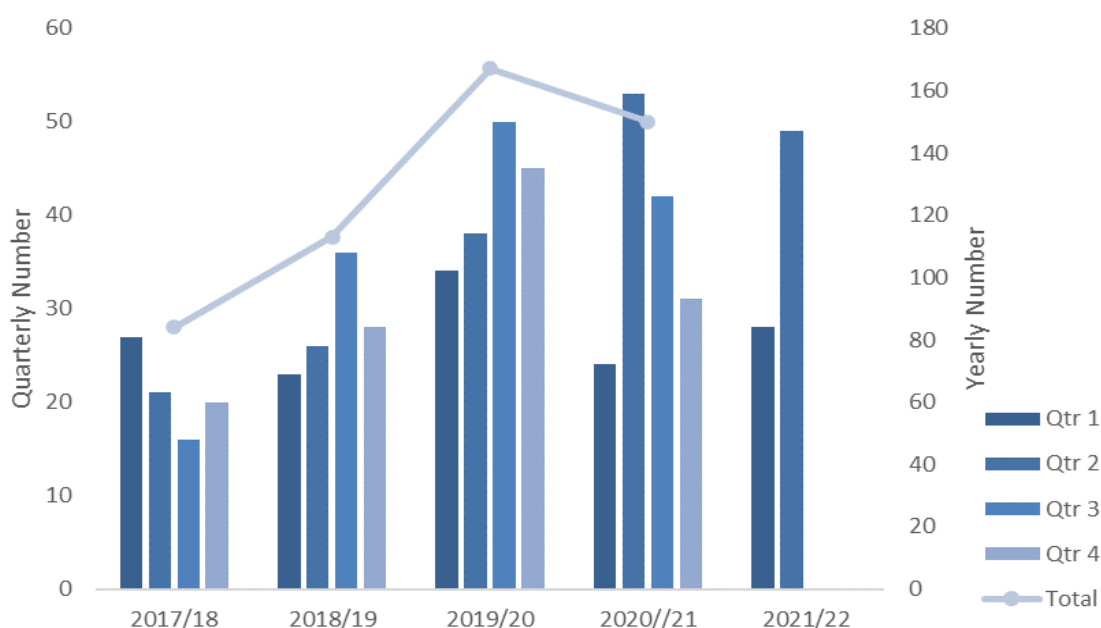
The next chart shows the impact on the Housing Register. This too has been impacted by changes in legislation (April 2018) and further by the pandemic. We are seeing a steady increase in both the number of applicants registered (8078) and those that have made a bid in the last twelve months (4675). The dip between March 2020 and September 2020 was due to the system being suspended in response to COVID19 restrictions and a sole focus on individuals that were homeless/rough sleeping.



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The vitural standstill in people moving home during the pandemic, along with the eviction ban meant that whilst there was a decrease in the number of households becoming homeless, particularly from the private rented sector, at the same time it blocked up any movement within the stock. Alongside this during the early COVID

period the Government issued guidance to prioritise social housing allocations to households currently living in temporary accommodation. The graph below shows the impact on temporary accommodation, not including the use of bed and breakfast (B&B).

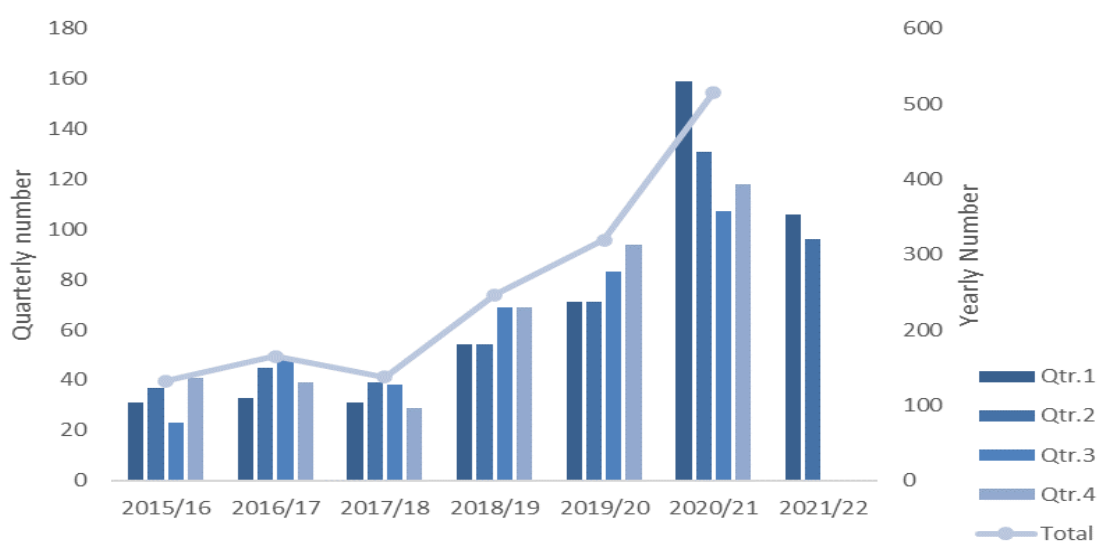


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In April/May 2020 there was a significant impact of the 'Everyone In' instruction from the Government. The obvious outcome was a higher than usual placement of single people in B&B accommodation.

A positive of the limited movement of households during the first lockdown is that although we placed 110 families in B&B in 2020/21 this was a 42% decrease on the previous year. For those families that did become homeless we reduced the use of B&B by increased the number of units available for use as temporary accommodation.

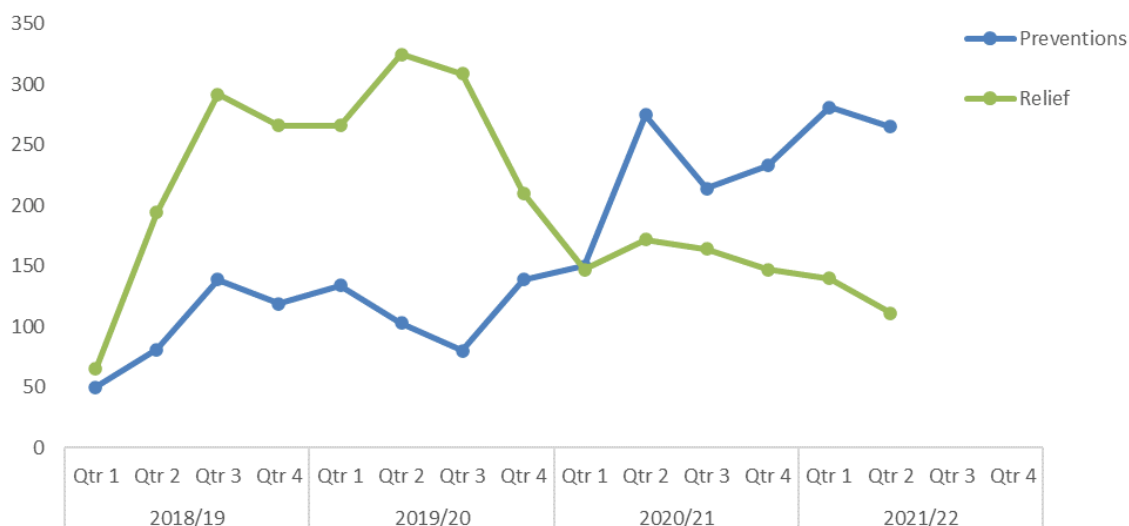
The trends in our use of B&B is shown below.



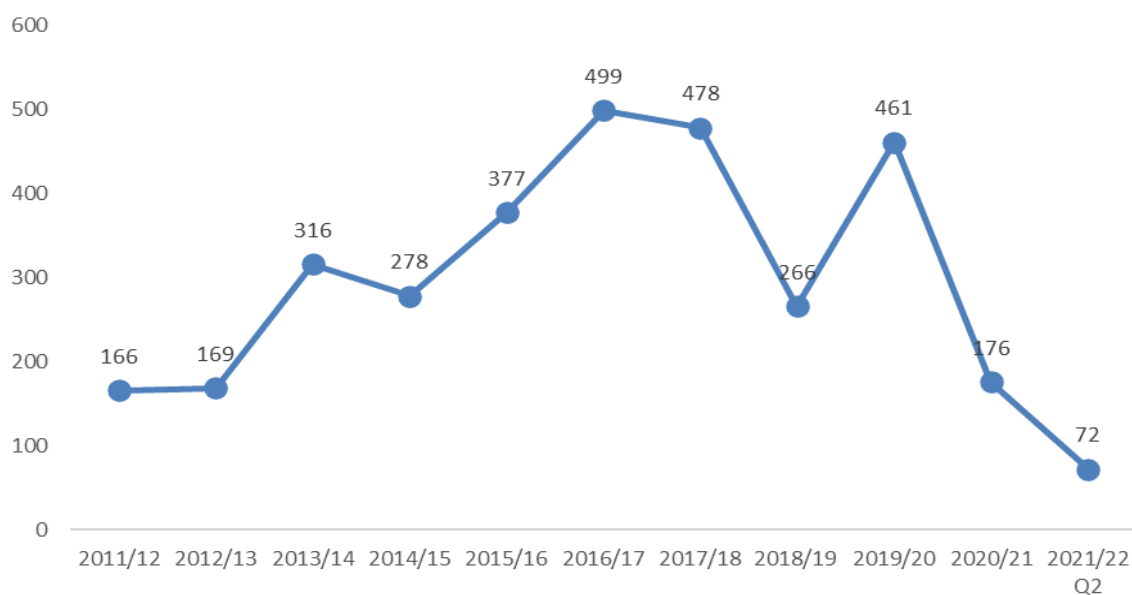
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It goes without saying that is always better to prevent homelessness, indeed this the focus and driver behind the Housing Reductions Act 2017. The graph below shows the approaches we have dealt with, split between those that approached

prior to becoming homeless (preventions) and those that approached as homeless (relief).



3.7 The next graph shows the significant effort that has been put in by our Homelessness Service in Housing Options to prevent and relieve homelessness resulting in much lower numbers requiring a statutory determination by the Local Authority. We have restructured our resources within the team, having a greater allocation in the right place and managing to improve outcomes.



3.8 It is always helpful to look at Derby's position against that of other local authorities in the East Midlands and nationally. The table on the next page gives some comparator data and shows that our outcomes exceed both the local and national averages.

As you will see we are dealing with more cases at an early stage and therefore preventing homelessness. A lower number of cases are opened at the relief stage, this indicates fewer people coming to us too late in the process and making homelessness inevitable.

Our figures show us that of those that do approach early 7 out of 10 get resolved without the need to hit the relief stage or access temporary accommodation.

Of those cases that do progress to the relief stage almost 6 out of 10 are resolved through settled (longer term accommodation rather than temporary accommodation).

	Derby 31.10.19	Derby 30.6.21	E Mids 30.6.21	England 30.6.21	
% cases opened at prevention stage	37%	69%	48%	45%	HIGH IS GOOD
% cases opened at relief stage	61%	28%	50%	50%	LOW IS GOOD
% settled accomm at prevention stage	47%	71%	62%	58%	HIGH IS GOOD
% settled accomm at relief stage	40%	58%	48%	40%	HIGH IS GOOD