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3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

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4.0 DETAIL

4.1 Argyll and Bute Council retains the role of strategic housing authority and therefore has a series of important statutory housing functions to fulfil. A Housing Needs and Demand Assessment is carried out every 5 years which enables Scottish Government funding to be brought into Argyll and Bute primarily to deliver affordable housing. The Council also produces a Local Housing Strategy (LHS) every 5 years. The current LHS runs from 2016-2021 and have a vision for housin

4.2 HOUSING NEED AND DEMAND

HOMEArgyll WAITING LIST July 2020 Active Applicants					
	Minimum Bedroom Size Required				TOTAL
	0/1beds	2beds	3beds	4+beds	
Helen	305				

Rough Sleeping

Helensburgh and Lomond experienced a reduction in the incidence of rough sleeping over the same period last year, with 4 cases (-3) in total across the area reporting that they slept rough the night preceding their presentation and 4 (+1) reporting that they had slept rough in the 3 months preceding their homeless application.

AREA	Number of Rough Sleepers in 2019/20			
	Night Before Application	3 Months Prior to Application		
Helensburgh and	4	4		
Lomond				
Argyll & Bute	24	50		

4.4 AFFORDABLE HOUSING SUPPLY

The Strategic Housing Investment Plan (SHIP) delivered 16 new affordable homes in Helensburgh and Lomond in 2019/20, located at the second phase of Castle Wood Court in Helensburgh. The total investment in the Succoth project amounted to £4.761m. Costs for Castle Wood will be collated with the final phase due for completion this year.

RSL	PROJECT	Units	Total Investment
	Castle Wood,		
	Helensburgh		
ACHA	Phase 2		

housing

- 6.5.3Islands positive in terms of delivering affordable housing on the islands
- 6.6. Risk none
- 6.7 Customer Service none

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APPENDICES

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