

# Bradford Supporting People 5-Year Strategy 2008 – 2013

## ‘Delivering Housing Related Support To Those In Need’

### Introduction

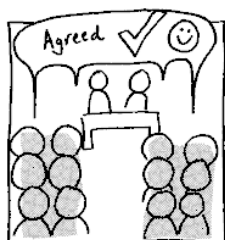


The Supporting People Team has written a plan that says how they will help people who need housing related support to live independently.

This is an easy-read version of the Executive Summary of the plan.

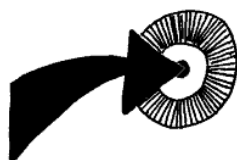
The full plan is on the Council’s website at:

[www.bradford.gov.uk/supportingpeople](http://www.bradford.gov.uk/supportingpeople)



Lots of people have had the chance to say what should be in the plan. This includes people who use Supporting People services, organisations that provide services, local councillors and people who manage the money.

The plan has been agreed and approved by the Supporting People Commissioning Body and by the Executive Committee of the Council.



The aim of the Bradford Council Supporting People programme is to help people who need housing related support to have a better life by helping them to live independently.

Housing related support means things like making sure your home is safe and secure, developing life and social skills, contacting other organisations (e.g. Health or Social Services), accessing community alarm services, applying for benefits or dealing with housing debt.

## Our Priorities for the Next 5 Years



The government have said that the funding will continue for the next three years.

We also have some money left over that will be used to help do the things in the new strategy.

We are working closely with Housing Managers and Commissioners to make sure there is money to spend on developing new supported accommodation.

Our priorities are to:



- Increase people's choices by funding more floating support and by introducing Personal Budgets
- Help people who no longer need supported accommodation to move on to new accommodation
- Carry out a review of support for older people



- Provide more low level floating support for people with learning disabilities and people with mental health problems
- Develop support solutions for people with complex needs and substance misuse problems
- Make sure we improve the way we manage the Supporting People programme and get good value for money



- Increase service-user involvement
- Improve our information so more people know that housing related support is a way of helping people to live independently

## The Future for Housing Related Support



From 2009, the way the council gets the money from the government for Supporting People will change

We will make sure that housing related support continues because it is well known that it is a good way of meeting people's needs along with other types of care and support, and that it helps people to have choice and control over their lives.

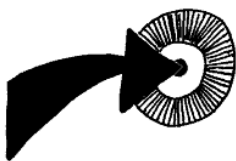
## The Vision for Housing Related Support in Bradford



We will make sure that housing related support helps to make Bradford a place where all people can make a positive contribution to the life of the District.

We will therefore make sure that there are high quality housing related support services which respond to the needs, choice and wishes of people who use the services and the local communities in the District. This vision is supported by five clear aims:

- The needs, choice and wishes of people who use services are at the centre of our vision
- Housing related support will be developed and managed through partnerships that include voluntary and private sectors
- Future housing related support services will be planned to meet local needs
- Housing related support services will be accessible and will respond to the different needs of all communities in the Bradford District
- Housing related support services will be well managed to make sure that high quality services are provided that offer good value for money



## Supporting People

Bradford receives £19.2 million a year from the government to fund the Supporting People programme.

This money provides housing related support for about 11,500 people in over 300 different services.

Services are provided for different groups of people including:

- People with mental health problems
- People who are homeless
- People with learning disabilities
- People with physical disabilities
- People with substance misuse problems
- People who are older and frail

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