

TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION BENCHMARKING

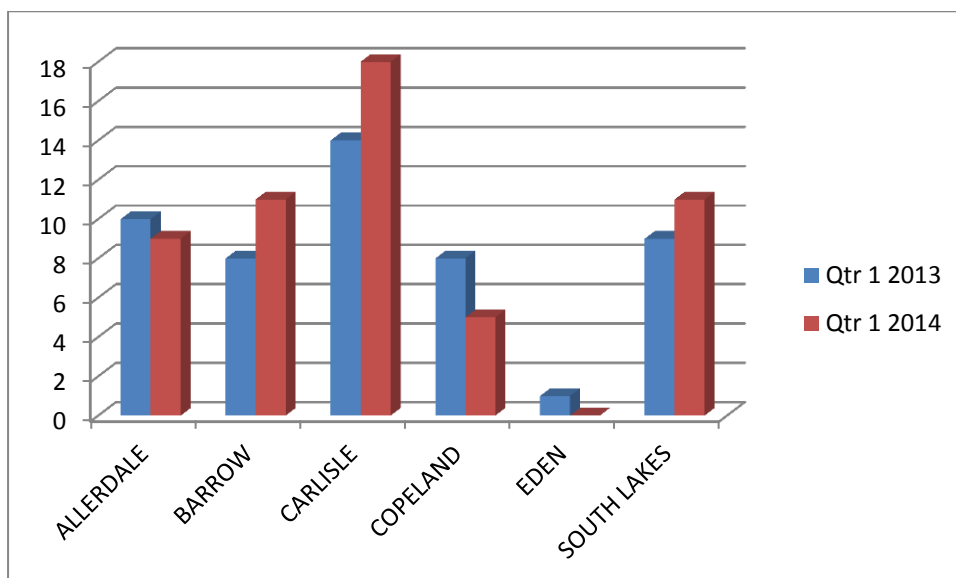
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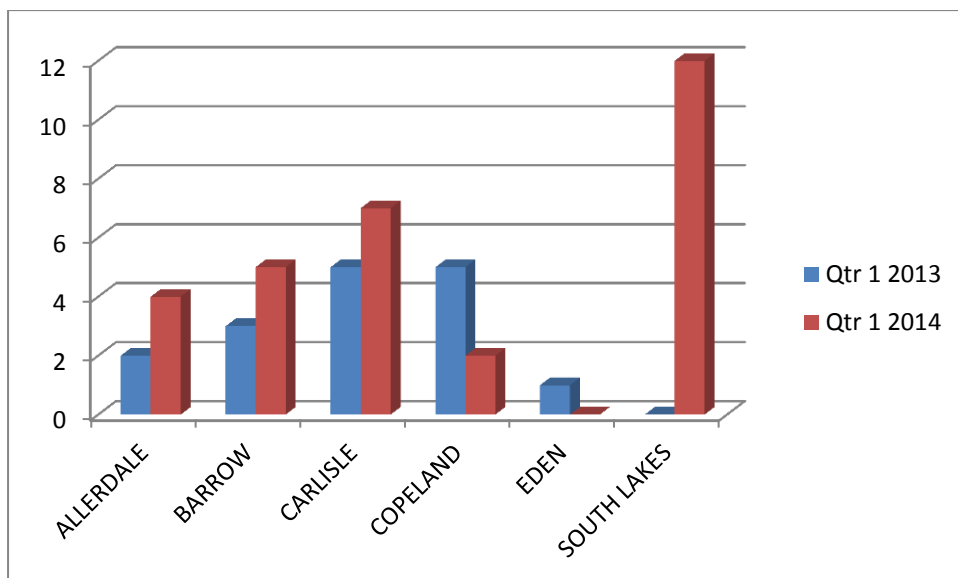
This is an information only report which highlights the reduction in the use of temporary accommodation. The housing options team currently has seven properties available as temporary accommodation; there is a mixture of one bed and two bed houses/flats. Bed and Breakfast is only ever used when the temporary accommodation is full.

The following graph shows the number of households in temporary accommodation during January to March 2013 compared to the same period this year.



As you can see, there was an increase in three of the districts and a reduction in the other three, what is pleasing is that Copeland had the biggest reduction in the number of households in temporary accommodation.

The chart below shows the number of households with children in living in temporary accommodation. Four of the six districts have shown an increase; Copeland has shown a decrease of over 50%, this chart highlights the work the housing options team are doing to make sure temporary accommodation for families is a last resort. The housing options team have been working closely with families to try and keep them in their current accommodation; prevent evictions and/or ensure private landlords make repairs to properties that are 'unfit' this has resulted in a reduction in the number of children in temporary accommodation.



The information above has been taken from data sets provided by SHELTER and is based on performance indicators (P1E's) presented to DCLG on a quarterly basis by each Local Authority. This information will be presented to the Strategic Housing Panel for monitoring as it becomes available.