

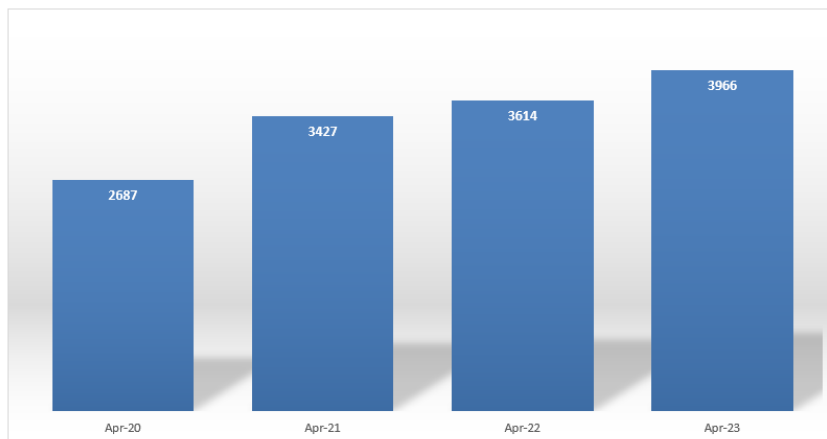
**Cost of Living Meeting Notes - 16<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

**1. SDC Housing Advice Insight**

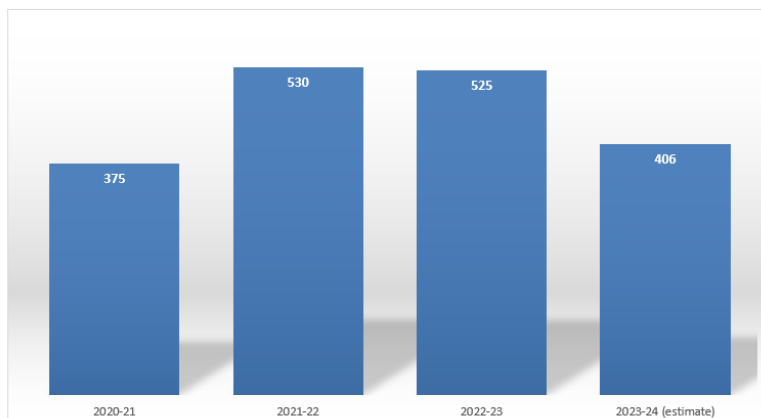
Julian White shared data and insight into the front line work of the Housing Advice team.

Julian’s presentation highlighted the dual pressures of cost of living, high rental prices and lack of affordable housing in the district. As a result, the Cost of Living group has asked that Julian work with Pippa Stroud and Emma Keating Clark to provide a briefing paper about current Housing challenges for Stroud District

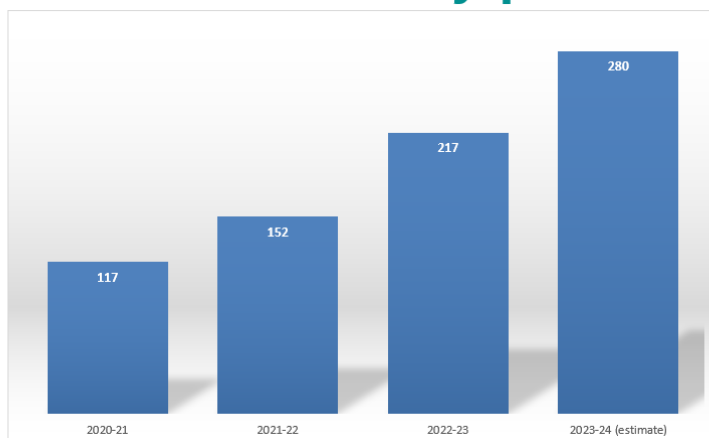
## Applicants on Housing Register



## Number of social lets per year



## Use of Temporary Accommodation (by placement)



### 2. Cost of Living Group for next Civic Year

The next meeting in March is the last in this civic year. The Cost of Living Group will consider how they wish to proceed in the new civic year.

### 3. Action Log

- a. Review of support required by Citizens Advice  
Ange and Emma to meet with Elizabeth Hall, CEO of CA to discuss their annual spend, the ongoing challenge of demand and the potential to resource an additional fixed-term role at the CA.
- b. Health Inequalities Strategy  
Emma to consider aspects of Money Education and Advice when developing the new Health Inequalities Strategy.
- c. Stroud District Foodbank Data and Poverty Campaign  
Amanda Strover, CEO Foodbank will share further district data and information about their poverty campaign when she has completed their Annual Report.
- d. Pippa Stroud and Julian White to work with Emma Keating Clark on a briefing paper about current Housing challenges for Stroud District.

### 4. Next Meeting

The next Cost of Living Working Group is scheduled for Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 24, 10:00-11:00, online and will focus on how the Cost of Living is impacting on the work of the Community Hubs.

Community Hubs

On Teams 15-Mar