



**Housing and Technical Resources**  
Executive Director **Jim Hayton**  
**Support Services**

## Memo

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### **Subject: Financial Resources Scrutiny Forum Query – Bed and Breakfast Query**

In response to your memo dated 10 November 2009, to answer this question fully, the underspend in other accommodation costs has to be taken into consideration of £129k. This budget is used to fund the provision of homeless accommodation from private sector landlords and currently this budget is underspent due to the lack of suitable properties available to the council. The under recovery in the predicted level of rental income is therefore due to a lower level of rentable stock and not due to properties being underutilised.

I would also ask that the scrutiny forum note, that in relation to Bed and Breakfast, although we are showing an overspend of £104k, a large proportion is recoverable through Housing Benefit, and is shown in the Fees and Charges General line of the scrutiny papers, within this line £83k is related to over recovered Housing Benefit.

If you require any additional information, do not hesitate to contact me.

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