

EX30. Local Housing Strategy 2017- 2022 Annual Review

The Executive considered a report by the Director of Corporate and Housing Services providing an update on progress with the actions detailed in the Local Housing Strategy 2017-2022 (LHS).

Under the Housing (Scotland) Act 2001, Local Authorities were required to develop a LHS and keep it under review. The LHS was provided as an appendix to the report. It contained six key priorities, with 43 actions supporting each priority. The six priorities were:-

- (i) The supply of housing is increased
- (ii) Creating sustainable communities
- (iii) Improve access to housing
- (iv) Housing and support for vulnerable groups
- (v) Sustainable housing: fuel poverty and climate change
- (vi) Improving housing conditions.

In line with the Housing (Scotland) Act 2006 and the LHS the Scheme of Assistance had been reviewed. The scheme set out the circumstances in which the Service would provide advice, support and financial assistance to repair, maintain and adapt homes. The revised Scheme was user friendly and written in plain English. Contact details were included to direct customers to the right person for support and advice. Other changes included simplifying processes such as the repair grant application and offering assistance in line with the Tenements (Scotland) Act 2004. The revised document was attached as an appendix to the report.

Decision

The Executive:-

- (1) noted the progress to date in delivering the Local Housing Strategy 2017-2022;**
- (2) approved the updated Scheme of Assistance set out in Appendix 2 to the report, and**
- (3) approved the Local Housing Strategy (LHS) update to be forwarded to the Scottish Government.**