

EX53. Strategic Housing Investment Plan (SHIP) 2017/22

The Executive considered a report by the Director of Corporate and Housing Services presenting for approval the Strategic Housing Investment Plan (SHIP) 2018-2023, prior to submission to the Scottish Government, and seeking agreement to progress actions to support delivery of additional housing projects.

The SHIP's purpose is to set out strategic investment priorities for affordable housing over the next 5 years in order to achieve the outcomes contained in the Local Housing Strategy (LHS).

The report refers to new guidance issued by Scottish Government which contains revised procedures for preparing SHIPs, including the requirement for the document to be produced and submitted annually.

Details of the resources and funding available to deliver affordable housing was set out, together with the list of projects covering the full 5 years of the SHIP. There was a funding shortfall in meeting the full list of potential SHIP projects, but discussions are on-going with Scottish Government on the potential to secure additional funding.

The report also provides information in relation to the Council's proposed new build projects and outlining the requirements to acquire these sites.

Decision

The Executive:-

- (1) agreed the SHIP 2018-2023 for submission to the Scottish Government;**
- (2) agreed to authorise officers to enter into negotiations to purchase land at part of the former Denny High School site and Seabegs Road, Bonnybridge for additional affordable housing, in line with independent valuations;**
- (3) noted that a separate report is being prepared for Committee in relation to the former Torwood School site, and**
- (4) noted that officers will adapt the SHIP in line with available resources in order to maximise the supply of affordable housing locally and provide updates to Members of any changes.**