

**FALKIRK COUNCIL**

**EXTRACT of MINUTE of MEETING of the HOUSING AND SOCIAL CARE COMMITTEE held in the MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, FALKIRK on TUESDAY 28 AUGUST 2012 at 9.30 a.m.**

**HSC8. STRATEGIC HOUSING INVESTMENT PLAN AND COUNCIL HOUSE NEW BUILD**

There was submitted Report (circulated) dated 20 August 2012, by the Director of Corporate and Neighbourhood Services (a) advising that the Scottish Government now required local authorities to provide a Strategic Local Programme (SLP); (b) attaching as Appendix 1 to the Report, the Council's draft SLP, which requires to be submitted to the Scottish Government by 31 August 2012; (c) providing details of the Council's draft Strategic Housing Investment Plan (SHIP) for the period 2012-15, and (d) attaching as Appendix 2 to the Report, the Council's draft SHIP.

Discussion took place on the following:-

- the shortfall of units identified from the Housing Need and Demand Assessment
- the different ways to help address the shortfall
- clarification in relation to specific new build projects
- the problems associated with the lack of future funding commitment

Councillor Goldie, seconded by Councillor Black moved the recommendations contained within the Report.

By way of an amendment, Councillor Alexander, seconded by Councillor Hughes, moved that recommendation 6.2 contained in the Report, be deleted and substituted with the following:-

6.2 Agree the SHIP with the following alterations:

- 6.2(i) Committee agree to investigate the use of up to 5% of the Pension Fund to facilitate new build Council housing and agrees to a Report back to this effect for Committee, and
- 6.2(ii) Committee agree to a full public consultation over the Denny Police Station site before a final decision on the future of the site is determined.

On a division, 6 Members voted for the Motion and 5 Members for the Amendment.

Accordingly, **AGREED:-**

- (1) the Strategic Local Programme attached as Appendix 1 and that this be submitted to the Scottish Government as required by 31 August 2012;
- (2) the draft Strategic Housing Investment Plan attached as Appendix 2 to the Report, and
- (3) to further appraisal and feasibility work being undertaken on the potential Council new build sites listed in paragraph 4.4 of the Report and that a Report be submitted to the next meeting of Committee on the outcomes of the assessments.