

## **EX122. HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT LAND SALES UNDER £5000**

The Executive considered a report by the Director of Corporate and Neighbourhood Services proposing that applications to purchase Housing Revenue Account (HRA) land are suspended from 1 April 2015 pending a review of the procedures and costs of processing applications.

Applications to purchase land held on the Council's HRA are dealt with by the Head of Housing Services. The current procedure is considered to be staff intensive with a number of Services involved. Since 2012, of 71 applications received, only 13 have resulted in successful sales, with an income of £17,950 realised.

Additionally, reforms are proposed by the Scottish Government in regard to land sales which will impact on the Council's process.

It was proposed therefore to review and consult with stakeholders on the process and, to assist this, a moratorium on sales of land from the HRA as of 1 April 2015 was proposed. Current ongoing applications will continue to be processed.

### **Decision**

#### **The Executive agreed:-**

- (1) a moratorium on Housing Revenue Account (HRA) land sales for 12 months commencing 1 April 2015;**
- (2) that the current procedures for HRA land sales are reviewed in consultation with service users, Members and other services of the Council;**
- (3) that a report outlining the outcome of the review and consultation will be presented to the Executive in due course; and**
- (4) to note the proposed change for requesting Scottish Government consent as outlined in section 3 of the report.**