

EX71. Strategic Housing Investment Plan 2016/2021

The Executive considered a report by the Director of Corporate and Housing Services presenting for approval the Strategic Housing Investment Plan (SHIP) 2016-2021, prior to submission to the Scottish Government.

The SHIP is a core element of the Local Housing Strategy (LHS) and is required to be produced and submitted to the Scottish Government biannually. The SHIP's core purpose is to set out strategic investment priorities for affordable housing for a 5 year period in order to achieve the outcomes set out in the LHS.

The report provided information on the proposed new affordable housing programmes for the Council and Registered Social Landlord (RSL) partners based on Scottish Government Funding and set out the actions required to progress and support the delivery of specific projects.

In addition, the report detailed the minimum Scottish Government Resource Planning Assumptions (RPA), together with the estimated Scottish Government funding required for each project in the SHIP. It is anticipated that there will be an overall funding shortfall of around £14.35m. However, discussions are ongoing with Scottish Government on the potential to secure additional funding to meet this shortfall.

Decision

The Executive:-

- (1) agreed the Strategic Housing Investment Plan 2016-2021 for submission to the Scottish Government;**
- (2) authorised officers to enter into negotiations to purchase land at Abbots Road, Grangemouth and Blinkbonny Road, Falkirk from Children's Services for additional affordable housing, in line with independent valuations, and**
- (3) noted that officers will adapt the Strategic Housing Investment Plan to maximise the supply of affordable housing locally and provide updates to members on any changes.**