

EX69. Strategic Housing Investment Plan 2019/20 – 2023/24

The Executive considered a report by the Director of Corporate and Housing Services which sought approval of the Strategic Housing Investment Plan (SHIP) 2018-2023, prior to submission to the Scottish Government, and 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The Scottish Government issued new draft guidance in July 2018 which contains revised procedures for preparing SHIPs, including the requirement for the document to be produced and submitted annually.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 shortfall in funding identified over the next 5 years, but officers would continue to review and manage the SHIP to maximise the amount of available funding from the Scottish Government, in order to deliver the maximum number of locally available affordable properties.

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

Decision

The Executive:-

- (1) agreed the SHIP 2019/2020 to 2023/24 (Appendix 1) for submission to the Scottish Government;**
- (2) authorised officers to enter into negotiations to transfer the land at Denny High School, Bainsford Day Centre, former Oakbank Home, Polmont and Main Street, Bonnybridge to the Housing Revenue Account, and**
- (3) 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.**