EX68. Local Housing Strategy 2017-2020 Annual Review

The Executive considered a report by the Director of Corporate and Housing Services which provided an update on progress with the actions detailed in the Local Housing Strategy 2017-2022 (LHS). The update considered year 3 (2019/20) and sought approval to submit the LHS update to Scottish Government. The LHS had been aligned to the Rapid Rehousing Transition Plan submitted to Scottish Government therefore LHS priority 3 improve access to housing had been updated including information from 2020/21.

The Executive adjourned at 10.25am and reconvened at 10.35am with all members present as per the sederunt.

Councillor Hughes, seconded by Councillor Bouse moved that the Executive:-

- (1) notes progress in delivering the Local Housing Strategy 2017-2022;
- (2) approves the LHS Update to be submitted to Scottish Government;
- (3) notes progress with the Tenant and Customer Participation Strategy 2022 2025, and
- (4) approves a lettings initiative to increase the percentage of properties allocated to Home seekers from 45% to 70% as detailed in section 3.19 of the report to be reviewed after a period of 6 months.

As an amendment, Councillor Bissett seconded by Councillor Black, moved the terms of the motion with the following in place of clause 4 of the motion:-

(5) that the Executive asks for a comparison of the options available to the Council to improve access to housing - such as the proposed lettings initiative, and prioritising voids and buy backs and that this is reported to the Executive following a consultation on the options with tenants and residents associations.

The Executive adjourned at 11.00am and reconvened at 11.10am with all members present as per the sederunt.

Councillor Hughes, with the consent of the Convener and Councillor Bouse as his seconder, adjusted the terms of his motion in clause 4 to replace 'a period of 6 months' with 'a period of 3 months with an opportunity to consider whether the initiative requires to be further extended'.

Having heard the terms of the adjusted motion, Councillor Bissett, with the unanimous consent of those present, withdrew his amendment.

Decision

The Executive:-

- (1) noted progress in delivering the Local Housing Strategy 2017-2022;
- (2) approved the LHS Update to be submitted to Scottish Government;
- (3) noted progress with the Tenant and Customer Participation Strategy 2022 2025, and
- (4) approved a lettings initiative to increase the percentage of properties allocated to Home seekers from 45% to 70% as detailed in section 3.19 of the report to be reviewed after a period of 3 months with an opportunity to consider whether the initiative requires to be further extended.