LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

COMMITTEE DECISION SHEET

HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE - TUESDAY, 26 AUGUST 2014

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2.1	Members are requested to resolve that any Exempt Business on this agenda be considered with the Press and Public excluded	The Committee resolved: to consider item 8.1 on the agenda with the press and public excluded.		
3.1	Minute of Previous Meeting of 20 May 2014	The Committee resolved: to approve the minute as a correct record.		
3.2	Committee Business Statement	The Committee resolved: (i) to remove item 10 (Installation of Combined Heat and Power and Proposals for Major Repairs to Multi Storeys in the Cornhill Area); (ii) subject to the decisions taken on the following items on the agenda, to remove item 5 (Development of an Asset Management Plan for the Council's Housing Stock), 9 (Rent Arrears) and 12 (Void Management (within Performance Report); (iii) in relation to item 7 (Houses in Multiple Occupation – New Powers in Relation to Overprovision), to note that a comprehensive report would be	Legal and Democratic Housing and Community Safety	K Riddoch G Stuart

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		submitted to the Communities, Housing and Infrastructure Committee in October to allow for further information from other Local Authorities to be included in the report; and (iv) to otherwise note the business statement.		
3.3	Annual Reports List	The Committee resolved: to note the annual reports list.		
4.1	Housing and Environment Business Plan Performance and Actions	The Committee resolved: (i) in response to a question from Councillor Delaney relating Houses in Multiple Occupation and Landlord Registration and the issuing of penalty notices to landlords who had lapsed in their registration and whether information could be issued highlighting the benefits of being a registered landlord, to note that the Service were working on this and would provide information in the report for the Committee in October; (ii) in response to a question from Councillor Nathan Morrison relating to Street Cleansing and the high percentage of Weed Growth and whether this included buildings, the Environment Manager advised that the figures were for street cleanliness only and that the Service were looking at different options to tackle weed control on streets; (iii) to otherwise note the contents of the	Housing and Community Safety Environment Services	G Stuart

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		report and information provided.		
5.1	2014/15 Housing Capital Programme	The Committee resolved: (i) to note the financial information contained within the report; and (ii) to instruct that the Head of Finance continues to update the Committee in consultation with the Director of Housing and Environment on the actual outturn position for 2014/15 following completion of the year end statutory accounts.	Finance	H Sherrit
5.2	2014/15 Revenue Monitoring Report	The Committee resolved: (i) to note the content of the report and the information on management action and risks contained therein; and (ii) to instruct that officers report the year end position to the appropriate Committee.	Finance	H Sherrit
5.3	Capital Monitoring - Housing and Environment Projects	The Committee resolved: to note the current position.	Asset Management and Operations	D Marshall
6.1	Development of an Asset Management Model for the Councils Housing Stock	 The Committee resolved: to note the progress to date on the development of an asset management model for the Council's housing stock; to approve the creation of an Asset Management Steering Group and Asset Management Action Group to identify and take forward the development of and Asset Management Plan; and to instruct the Director of Housing and Environment to report annually on the future high level outcomes and how 	Housing and Community Safety	I Perry

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		these will influence decision making on the housing stock.		
6.2	Rent Arrears Update	The Committee resolved: (i) in relation to a question from Councillor Delaney in regards to the use of Direct Debit payments for Sheltered Housing Services, to note that the Head of Housing and Community Safety would provide a response to Councillor Delaney outwith the meeting; (ii) to congratulate all staff involved with the rent arrears process and the improvements made to date; and (iii) to otherwise note the content of the report.	Housing and Community Safety	D Urquhart
6.3	Update on the Review of Void Processes	The Committee resolved: (i) to note the content of the report, the progress made and the associated challenges; (ii) to note the actions already taken; (iii) to approve the proposed improvements as listed under Recommendations for Improvement within the report; and (iv) to request officers to provide regular updates on the Voids situation and on any future initiatives to improve the performance.	Housing and Community Safety	G Souter
6.4	Housing for Varying Needs Review	The Committee resolved: (i) to note the progress of the implementation plan at ten locations previously approved for transition from sheltered to amenity accommodation;	Housing and Community Safety	G Souter

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		 (ii) to approve the recommendations to continue with the transition to amenity standard for all buildings except Berrymoss Court and Parkhill Court; (iii) to approve the amended recommendation for Berrymoss Court and Parkhill Court to be assessed as a single unit and returned to sheltered housing subject to consultation with the tenants; and (iv) to note that Meadow Court and Seaview House continue to have demand issues and will be included in a future report to Committee following completion of a review of all remaining complexes. 		
6.5	Haudagain Improvement Scheme	The Committee resolved: (i) to approve the provision of payments equivalent to a Home Loss Payment and Disturbance Payments to tenants whose homes are required for the Haudagain Improvement Scheme when they move with immediate effect; (ii) to approve that in order to alleviate the issues around mixing of sexes and further rehousing that where mixing of sexes occurs the Council would offer the household larger accommodation if the eldest child had reached the age of 5; (iii) to grant delegated powers in the first instance to the Director of Housing and Environment and the Head of Housing and Community Safety to provide tenants whose homes are required for	Housing and Community Safety	K Kelly

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		the Haudagain Improvement Scheme an appropriate level of priority within the housing lists and flexibility in terms of areas of choice, house sizes and number of offers; (iv) to note that with immediate effect, all void properties across the city will initially be offered to appropriate tenants whose homes are being acquired for Haudagain Improvement Scheme; (v) to note that all affected applicants will be placed on the Urgent List and provided with the highest priority and further prioritised by the length of their current tenancy; (vii) to note that where tenants from the Middlefield Area wished to remain in the area that every effort would be made to accommodate their needs; and (viii) to request officers to provide regular updates to the Communities, Housing and Infrastructure Committee advising on how the relocation of tenants was progressing.		
6.6	Proposed Extended Use of Enforcement Funding	The Committee resolved: to authorise the Director of Housing and Environment to extend the use of the current Enforcement Fund to encompass Mixed Tenure Housing as detailed at section 5.2 within the report.	Housing and Community Safety	A Pitblado
6.7	Scottish Social Housing Charter Annual Report to Tenants	The Committee resolved: (i) to note the contents of the report;	Housing and Community Safety	G Stuart

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		 (ii) to note the work undertaken on the first annual report to tenants; (iii) to note that a presentation on the Tenants Satisfaction Survey was scheduled for 2 September 2014. 		
7.1	Grampian Joint Health Protection Plan	 The Committee resolved: (i) to approve the Grampian Joint Health Protection Plan as appended to the report; (ii) to instruct the Director of Housing and Environment to ensure that the health protection priorities outlines in the plan continue to be resourced; and (iii) to refer the report and appendix to the Social Care, Wellbeing and Safety Committee for their Information. 	Environment Services	H Stevenson
8.1	Police Houses	The Committee resolved: (i) to approve the purchase of the properties on the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) and instruct the Head of Legal and Democratic Services to conclude the purchase incorporating whatever terms are required to protect the Council's long term interest including clawback provisions with Police Scotland as identified in the report; and (ii) to instruct officers to seek the required consent from the Scottish Government for the purchase into the HRA.	Housing and Community Safety	G Souter

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