

The Council had before it a notice of motion by Councillor Watson in the following terms:-

“That the Council -

1. Notes that the previous offer from the Council to RAAC-affected home owners, following a huge community campaign and intervention from the Scottish Government, was an improvement. However, while the SNP gave an improved offer with one hand, they took away compensation for the home loss with the other. It is now evident that many residents have inadequate money to pay for removal costs.
2. Believes both the Council and RAAC owners have a mutual interest in moving on from the RAAC crisis. But if residents cannot afford to move, this process will drag on even longer with heartache and costs to all.
3. Therefore instructs the Chief Officer - Corporate Landlord to amend the offer to residents to reinstate the previous home loss payment at 10% of the current Market Value of the property and also to meet reasonable incurred disturbance costs and Legal and other professional fees.
4. Instructs the Chief Officer - Finance to utilise the Capital Fund to release funding to make payments to homeowners who wish to voluntarily sell their property to the Council and notes the Chief Officer - Finance will report on the use of any fiscal flexibilities provided by Scottish Ministers to support that expenditure in the Quarter 4 Financial Performance Report.”

Councillor Watson moved, seconded by Councillor Tissera:-
That the Council approve the notice of motion.

Councillor Radley moved as an amendment, seconded by Councillor Greig:-
That the Council -

- (1) note the decision made by the Council on 28 October 2025 to provide a full and final enhanced offer to homeowners;
- (2) note that 61 property completions have taken place, increased from 25 on 28 October 2025, costing so far £4.5m;
- (3) note that around an additional 70 homeowners have engaged with the District Valuer and are in the process of obtaining and considering the offers;
- (4) note the additional flexibility and support put in place for homeowners to provide advice regarding housing options;
- (5) note that demolition teams are on site, to provide additional security to the remaining residents and the area, and are undertaking the “soft strip” on Council owned properties. Further confirm that demolition will only be progressed on Council owned properties and will only be progressed on wholly owned blocks.

On a division, there voted:-

For the motion (20) - Councillors Ali, Blake, Bonsell, Boulton, Brooks, Crockett, Cross, Farquhar, Graham, Grant, Kuszniir, Lawrence, Macdonald, McLeod, Malik, Massey, Nicoll, Mrs Stewart, Tissera and Watson.

For the amendment (23) - Lord Provost; Depute Provost; and Councillors Al-Samarai, Allard, Alphonse, Buchanan, Hazel Cameron, Clark, Cooke, Copland, Cormie, Davidson, Fairfull, Greig, Henrickson, Hutchison, MacGregor, McLellan, McRae, Mennie, Radley, van Sweeden and Yuill.

Absent from the division (1) - Councillor Houghton.

The Council resolved:-
to adopt the amendment.