

## **HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE**

At a Special Meeting of the Housing and Communities Committee held in the Council Chambers, Clydebank Town Hall, Dumbarton Road, Clydebank on Wednesday 14 March 2018 at 11.00 a.m.

- Present:** Councillors Jim Brown, Gail Casey, Karen Conaghan, Ian Dickson, Diane Docherty, Caroline McAllister, David McBride, Iain McLaren, John Mooney and Sally Page.
- Attending:** Richard Cairns, Strategic Director – Regeneration, Environment and Growth; Peter Barry, Strategic Lead - Housing and Employability; John Kerr, Housing Development and Homelessness Manager; Edward Thomas, Housing Operations Manager; Sally Michael, Section Head - Contracts and Property and Nuala Quinn-Ross, Committee Officer.
- Apologies:** Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Marie McNair and John Millar; and Jim McAloon, Strategic Lead – Regeneration.

### **Councillor Diane Docherty in the Chair**

## **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

It was noted that there were no declarations of interest in any item of business on the agenda.

### **MORE HOMES WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE – WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE AFFORDABLE HOUSING SUPPLY PROGRAMME**

A report was submitted by the Strategic Lead – Housing and Employability seeking approval for the acquisition and disposal of land to support West Dunbartonshire's Affordable Housing Supply Programme (AHSP).

After discussion and having heard the Strategic Lead – Housing and Employability and the Housing Development and Homelessness Manager in further explanation of the report and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed:-

- (1) to approve the acquisition of the site at Dumbarton Harbour from Cullross (Dumbarton Harbour) Limited to deliver 45 new Council homes subject to the price being agreed at a level supported by a valuation by the District Valuer in conjunction with the Council's Asset Management Section;

- (2) that the Strategic Lead - Housing and Employability and the Strategic Lead - Regulatory be instructed to negotiate and conclude a development agreement which includes meeting the Council's procurement obligations to facilitate the delivery of the new Council homes by March 2020;
- (3) that authority be delegated to the Strategic Lead - Housing and Employability to draw down the Affordable Housing Supply Programme grant to fund the acquisition;
- (4) to the disposal of the sites at Muir Road, Dumbarton and Talisman Avenue, Dumbarton to Caledonia Housing Association and the Wheatley Group respectively subject to the price being agreed at a level supported by a valuation by the District Valuer in conjunction with the Asset Management Section; and
- (5) that authority be delegated to the Strategic Lead - Regulatory to conclude the transactions subject to such legal conditions that are considered appropriate.

The meeting closed at 11.13 a.m.