

## **HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE**

At a Meeting of the Housing and Communities Committee held in the Council Chamber, Clydebank Town Hall, Dumbarton Road, Clydebank, on Wednesday 7 June 2017 at 10.04 a.m.

**Present:** Councillors Jim Brown, Karen Conaghan, Ian Dickson, Diane Docherty, Caroline McAllister, Jonathan McColl, Iain McLaren, John Millar, John Mooney and Sally Page.

**Attending:** Richard Cairns, Strategic Director - Regeneration, Environment and Growth; Peter Barry, Strategic Lead - Housing and Employability; Jim McAloon, Strategic Lead - Regeneration; John Kerr, Housing Development and Homelessness Manager; Sally Michael, Section Head - Contracts and Property; and Nuala Quinn-Ross, Committee Officer.

**Apologies:** Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Gail Casey and David McBride.

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

## **MINUTE OF SILENCE**

Having heard the Chair, Councillor Docherty, the Committee observed a minute's silence as a mark of respect for the victims of the recent terror attacks in Manchester and London.

## **WELCOME**

<sup>1</sup>Councillor Docherty, Chair, welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the Housing and Communities Committee since the local government elections on 4 May 2017. Councillor Docherty thanked Councillor McBride, the former Chair, and former Members of the Committee for their contribution and praised them for the good work they had done for West Dunbartonshire.

## **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

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<sup>1</sup> As corrected by the Housing and Communities Committee at its meeting on 9 August 2017.

## **AN INTRODUCTION TO HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES**

The Strategic Lead, Housing & Employability provided an introduction to the services provided by the Housing & Employability Section including key priorities, framework, accountability and current practice for dealing with constituent/Elected Member enquiries. The Strategic Lead was also heard in answer to Members' questions.

## **HOUSING & EMPLOYABILITY DELIVERY PLAN 2017/18**

A report was submitted by the Strategic Lead, Housing & Employability providing details of the 2017/18 Delivery Plan for Housing & Employability and the year-end progress report for the 2016/17 Delivery Plan as agreed by Committee on 2 November 2016.

The Committee agreed to approve the Housing & employability Delivery Plan 2017/18 and to note the progress made on delivery of the 2016/17 actions.

## **MORE HOMES BETTER HOMES WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE – COUNCIL HOUSE NEW BUILD PROGRESS REPORT**

A report was submitted by the Strategic Lead, Housing & Employability providing an update on the progress made to date with the Council's Housing New Build Programme.

After discussion, the Committee agreed:-

- (1) to note the contents of the report and the progress made to date; and
- (2) to note that a further progress report will be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee.

## **WORKING WELL TOGETHER – ATTENDANCE MANAGEMENT: ANNUAL PERFORMANCE 2016/17**

A report was submitted by the Strategic Lead, People and Technology advising on attendance levels across the Council for 2016/17 and providing a breakdown of the absence performance by Strategic Lead area.

After discussion and having heard the Strategic Director in further explanation of the report and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed:-

- (1) to note the contents of the report and the attendance results for 2016/17, namely a decrease of 5111 FTE days lost (11.3%) compared to the same period last year; and

- (2) to note the supporting verbal commentary from the Strategic Director in respect of pertinent points / actions to note for the service areas within the locus of this Committee.

The meeting closed at 10.45 a.m.