

HOUSING, ENVIRONMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

At a Special Meeting of the Housing, Environment & Economic Development Committee held in Meeting Room 2, Council Offices, Garshake Road, Dumbarton on Wednesday, 29 June 2011 at 2.05 p.m.

Present: Councillors Jim Brown, Geoff Calvert, Gail Casey, William Hendrie, David McBride, Jonathan McColl, Jim McElhill and Craig McLaughlin.

Attending: Elaine Melrose, Executive Director of Housing, Environmental and Economic Development; Helen Turley, Head of Housing and Community Safety; Finian McElhinney, Stock Transfer Project Manager; Sally Michael, Principal Solicitor; and Scott Kelly, Committee Officer, Legal, Administrative and Regulatory Services.

Apology: An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor William McLaughlin.

Councillor William Hendrie in the Chair

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

PARTIAL STOCK TRANSFER – PRICING MODEL OUTCOMES/PACKAGING IMPLICATIONS

A report was submitted by the Executive Director of Housing, Environmental and Economic Development:-

- (a) providing an update on the outcomes of the Stock Transfer Pricing Model and advising Members of the current transfer price for the stock calculated for each of the four stock transfer areas;
- (b) identifying a number of specific addresses identified which should be considered for exclusion from the partial stock transfer; and
- (c) seeking approval for the invitation to bidding Registered Social Landlords (RSLs) to submit their business plan proposals based on the price calculated for each transfer area.

After hearing the Executive Director of Housing, Environmental and Economic Development and the Stock Transfer Project Manager in further explanation and in answer to Members' questions, Councillor McBride, seconded by Councillor Calvert, moved:-

That the Committee agrees to continue consideration of the report to a future meeting of the Committee in order that a formal consultation can be carried out, with the West Dunbartonshire Tenants and Residents Organisation (WDTRO) and the Tenants and Residents Groups in the stock transfer areas, on the significant changes to the stock transfer packages detailed in the report.

Having heard the Executive Director of Housing, Environmental and Economic Development in answer to further questions from Members, as an amendment, Councillor Hendrie, seconded by Councillor McElhill, moved:-

That the Committee agrees to approve the recommendations of the report (as detailed below):-

- (1) to approve bringing the six Central Dalmuir Multi Blocks back into the retention model;
- (2) to note the transfer price for the stock for each transfer area as outlined in the report, having taken into account the six Central Dalmuir Multi Blocks; and
- (3) to instruct the issue of the invitation to bidding (Registered Social Landlords) RSLs to submit their business plan proposals based on the price calculated for each transfer area.

In addition, the Committee notes that tenants and RSLs are asking for more time to prepare and discuss the detailed bids for stock transfer areas and accepts this point of view.

As such, officers are instructed to put in place a timeline that allows for the extra time requested by tenants and RSLs with a view to ballots being held in September 2012.

Thereafter, the Executive Director of Housing, Environmental and Economic Development and the Principal Solicitor were heard in answer to further questions from Members.

On a vote being taken, 5 Members voted for the amendment and 3 for the motion. The amendment was accordingly declared carried.

The meeting closed at 2.40 p.m.