

**MINUTE**  
**of**  
**CABINET**

**Minute of meeting held at 10.00am in the Council Chamber, Council Headquarters, Giffnock on 24 October 2024.**

**Present:**

Councillor Owen O'Donnell (Leader)                      Councillor Danny Devlin (\*)  
Councillor Andrew Anderson (Vice Chair)              Councillor Katie Pragnell

Councillor O'Donnell, Leader, in the Chair

**Attending:**

Steven Quinn, Chief Executive; Caitriona McAuley, Director of Environment; Mark Rodgers, Head of Housing and Property; Kirsty Stanners, Head of Finance; Suzanne Conlin, Senior Housing Manager; and John Burke, Democratic Services Officer.

(\*) indicates remote attendance

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

**1015.** There were no declarations of interest intimated.

**STRATEGIC HOUSING INVESTMENT PLAN 2025-2030**

**1016.** The Cabinet considered a report by the Director of Environment seeking approval for the proposed Strategic Housing Investment Plan 2025/26 to 2029/30 (SHIP) and for its submission to the Scottish Government.

The Scottish Government required local authorities to supplement their Local Housing Strategy (LHS) with a SHIP, setting out in detail the Council's affordable housing investment priorities and detailed programme for delivering this with their partners over a period of 5 years, in line with national guidance.

The SHIP was refreshed annually to reflect progress of projects and to ensure an effective operational plan for the delivery of the Council's strategic housing priorities. The full document was attached as appendix 1 to the report, and the report summarised the resource assumptions and highlights of the proposed programme for 2025-2030.

Members raised questions regarding specific projects included in the proposals, as well as the impact of possible budgetary changes.

Following a brief discussion, the Cabinet:-

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- (a) noted the East Renfrewshire Strategic Housing Investment Plan 2025-2030 for submission to Scottish Government by 25<sup>th</sup> October 2024 (Appendix 1); and
- (b) noted the significant pressure for additional affordable housing to meet the needs of residents, and the contribution that the SHIP programme made in addressing this.

## **HOUSING SERVICES ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT 2023/24 AND ASSURANCE STATEMENT (SCOTTISH SOCIAL HOUSING CHARTER)**

**1017.** The Cabinet considered a report by the Director of Environment seeking approval for the Annual Assurance Statement (AAS) 2024 and noting of the Performance Report for Housing Services (PRHS).

Those documents provided Information on the Council's compliance with the Scottish Housing Regulator's Regulatory Framework, Scottish Social Housing Charter (SSHC) standards and its statutory obligations, it was a submission required by all Registered Social Landlords.

The report provided information on the 37 performance and 32 contextual indicators by which performance was measured, known as the Annual Return on the Charter. A self-assessment had been undertaken offering assurance of a good level of compliance with the Framework.

An Action Plan, attached as Appendix 2 to the report, had been developed to further strengthen compliance against the Framework and attend to any areas for improvement, which were highlighted within the report, particularly within the areas of Electrical Installation Condition Report Renewals; Rent Arrears; and Homeless Services.

The Council's performance report against the SSHC was attached as Appendix 1 to the report, with the AAS attached as Appendix 3.

There followed a discussion where members discussed rent levels, improvements in emergency repairs, and work being undertaken alongside the Council's Money Advice and Rights Team to assist the Council's tenants.

The Cabinet:-

- (a) noted the Council's performance for 2023/24 against Scottish Social Housing Charter (SSHC) indicators and measures and comparisons to the previous year and wider housing sector, detailed in Appendix 1 to the report;
- (b) noted the Action Plan to continue to strengthen the Council's compliance against the Regulatory Framework and SSHC attached as Appendix 2 to the report; and
- (c) approved the 2024 Annual Assurance Statement of compliance with the Regulatory Framework and SSHC standards and its submission to the Scottish Housing Regulator by 31 October 2024, attached as Appendix 3 to the report.

CHAIR