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PREPARING A LOCAL HOUSING STRATEGY FOR THE PERIOD 2024/2029

There was submitted Agenda Note AN38-2023, wherein the Committee was asked to note that the Council was required to prepare a Local Housing Strategy (LHS) every five years. The Housing (Scotland) Act 2001 placed a statutory requirement on local authorities to produce an LHS that would set out its strategy, priorities and plans for the delivery of housing and related services.

The Local Housing Strategy set out the wider role in directing investment in housing and housing related services locally and was a strategic vision for the delivery of housing and housing related services and the outcomes that it would seek to achieve, would provide an opportunity for local authorities to identify strategic housing priorities and would enable the monitoring of progress against delivery of local and national priorities and targets.

Preparing the LHS required the Council to consult with a wide range of stakeholders in the preparation of the Strategy. The 2001 Act required that local authorities consult on their LHS, and the statutory Equality Duty on public sector bodies required the involvement, consultation and engagement of as wide a range of local residents and tenants and communities of interest as possible.

To progress the consultation in line with statutory duties, the Council would invite stakeholders to take part in surveys and seminars to shape and develop the LHS during 2024, with an aim to submit a Local Housing Strategy to Scottish Ministers in Autumn, 2024.

The Committee agreed to note accordingly.