

9. WEST LoTHIAN RAPID REHOUSING TRANSITION PLAN

A report had been circulated by the Head of Housing, Customer and Building Services providing an update on the progress of the preparation and development of the first iteration of the West Lothian Rapid Rehousing Plan (RRTP) which was required to be submitted to the Scottish Government by 31 December 2018.

The report recalled a high level overview of the requirement for local authorities to prepare 5 Year Rapid Rehousing Transition Plans to reduce homelessness was reported to the Services of the Community PDSP on the 18 September 2018 and the Council Executive on 9 October 2018.

The council and strategic partners prepared and developed the first iteration of the plan which was appended to the report.

The report set out the seven key elements to the West Lothian Rapid Rehousing Transition Plan as follows:

- Understanding West Lothian's Housing Market Context
- West Lothian's Homeless Position
- West Lothian's Temporary Accommodation Provision
- West Lothian's 5 Year Projections for Temporary Accommodation
- Identifying Support Needs
- Transitioning to a rapid Rehousing Approach in West Lothian
- Resources

The report set out four high level actions identified by the council and partners to transition from the current provision to the West Lothian vision. These actions would be taken forward through four Rapid Rehousing Transition Plan Work streams of early intervention/Prevention and Housing Options, Supply and Temporary Accommodation, Support and Supported Accommodation and Health and Wellbeing. Appendix 3 contained the action plan for the five years of the West Lothian Rapid Rehousing Transition Plan.

The proposed timescales for submitting the first iteration of the Rapid Rehousing Transition Plan to the Scottish Government were detailed in table 2 within the report.

In conclusion the report advised that significant progress had been made with West Lothian's Rapid Rehousing Transition Plan and was on target to meet the Scottish Government's deadline of 31 December 2018 for submission of the first iteration.

The panel was asked to:

1. Note and comment on the first iteration of the West Lothian Rapid Rehousing Transition Plan.
2. Note the proposed timeline for the governance arrangement of the plan to meet the implementation date of 1 April 2019.

Decision

To note the contents of the report.