

10. WEST LoTHIAN LOCAL HOUSING STRATEGY 2018-2022 UPDATE

A report had been circulated by the Head of Housing, Customer and Building Services providing an update on progress of the West Lothian Local Housing Strategy 2017-2022.

The report recalled that the West Lothian Local Housing Strategy 2017 – 2022, was approved by Council Executive on 24 October 2017 and since then a number of actions had been progressed and new actions identified. The report provided a summary of the key achievements and actions that had been progressed and identified a number of key challenges ahead. Appendix 1 to the report contained an updated action plan.

The report provided brief details on the Key Challenges and actions for 2019/20 and a number of topics such as:

- Housing Supply and Place Making
- Preventing and Addressing Homelessness
- Independent Living and Specialist Provision
- Private Rented Accommodation
- House Condition
- Fuel Poverty and Climate Change

The report concluded that good overall progress had been made on the actions in the Local Housing Strategy. A key area of activity would be in relation to homelessness and developing a Rapid Rehousing Transition Plan. Improving housing quality was being addressed through the housing capital programme and liaison with private landlords.

The Panel was asked to note that good progress was being made implement the Local Housing Strategy and that the main new issue which had emerged during the first year of the strategy was the need to prepare a Rapid Rehousing Transition Plan for West Lothian.

Decision

To note the contents of the report.