

3. HOUSING CAPITAL INVESTMENT PROGRAMME 2021/22 TO 2022/23

The Council considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive seeking approval for the updated Housing Capital Investment Programme for 2021/22 to 2022/23 and the proposed exemption for works under the terms of the Best Value Framework.

It was recommended that Council :-

1. Approves the proposed updated 2021/22 Housing Capital Investment Programme and related funding as detailed in the report; and
2. Approves the exemptions for works under the terms of the Best Value Framework, as outlined in section D.5 of the report.

Motion

“West Lothian Council welcomes this Housing Capital Investment Programme which alongside the Housing Revenue Account budget, forms part of the council’s integrated approach to financial strategy, corporate planning, delivery of outcomes and performance monitoring

Under the previous Labour Administration, the Housing Capital Investment Programme delivered over £186.8 million of investment in both existing our stock and new build council housing

Building upon these strong foundations this minority Labour Administration is determined to deliver further investment in both the existing stock of council houses and in the delivery of 3,000 new homes for West Lothian in the 10-year period ending 2022, with the majority of these new homes being new West Lothian Council houses

The five-year Housing Capital Investment Programme agreed in February 2018 set out an ambitious programme to invest £154.887 million in housing capital projects over the five-year period to 2022/23, which is made possible by extensive borrowing from the Public Works Loan Board administered by the UK government

West Lothian Council therefore welcomes this updated two-year Housing Capital Investment Programme for 2021/22 to 2022/23, which will see total investment of £80.393 million with significant resources invested in the creation of new homes and a strong focus on the maintenance of quality standards across the housing stock

The updated two-year programme will see continued investment to increase housing supply and deliver the 3,000 affordable homes programme by 2022. A total of £50.278 million will be invested in new supply over the period of the programme.

There will be significant investment in maintaining the existing housing stock to a high standard; the planned investment in energy efficiency measures will help reduce tenants’ energy bills and ensure that council

houses meet the Energy Efficiency Standard for Social Housing. In total, £30.115 million will be invested in maintaining and improving the existing housing stock.

Council therefore agrees to approve the 2021/22 to 2022/23 Housing Capital Investment Programme and related funding as detailed in the report.

Council also agrees the updated exemptions for works under the terms of Best Value Framework, as outlined in section D.5 of the report”.

- Moved by councillor George Paul and seconded by Councillor Andrew McGuire

The Provost then invited the Head of Finance and Property Services to comment on the financial implications of the motion under Standing Order 15(7).

There were no amendments.

#### Decision

To unanimously approve the terms of the motion.