

12. WEST LoTHIAN COMMUNITY CHOICES - UPDATE

The Council Executive considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Finance and Property Services providing an update on wider developments in relation to community choices, a progress and learning update on the approaches already undertaken for West Lothian Community Choices, as well as setting out potential areas of further development and delivery of West Lothian Community Choices to embed deliberative democracy and dialogue in a number of activities across the council.

It was recommended that Council Executive :-

1. Notes the areas of wider development for community choices and frameworks which are being set out at a national level for consideration and progression;
2. Notes the meaning and narrative for local authorities to move towards mainstream community choices as part of standard practice for deliberative budgeting and service delivery;
3. Notes the progress on delivery of the budget areas which were previously agreed to be part of the West Lothian Community Choices processes, as set out in section D.3;
4. Approves further investigation of the areas and activities identified, within sections D.4;
5. Agrees that a report setting out the approach and timescales for each future development proposal will be presented to Council Executive by December 2022;
6. Notes that the West Lothian Community Choices working group will continue to build on learning from other local authorities to implement best practice and to engage with community planning partners to further strengthen deliberative budgeting across community planning partnerships.

Decision

To approve the terms of the report