

7. HOUSING, CONSTRUCTION AND BUILDING SERVICES

The committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Housing, Construction and Building Services providing an overview of the service activities within the Armadale and Blackridge Ward.

The report provided information in relation to property void and let performance for mainstream and temporary tenancies from October 2014 to December 2014. Comparative arrears performance was also provided in the report.

Arrears Performance was also outlined in the report and it was noted that for 2014-15 the Arrears Task Group agreed, as an interim measure, to monitor against a £1m target. This would allow for some actions from the Rent Strategy to be in place so the target would be subject to change later in the year.

The workload priorities agreed by the Arrears Task Group ensured that tenants who engaged with the council were being offered support and advice in relation to applying for Housing Benefit, Discretionary Housing Payment and referrals to the Advice Shop.

The report went on to provide a summary of the activities including the Mayfield Drive Project, New Build, Scottish Social Housing Charter, Homelessness Housing Network, Tenants Fund and Information day, Street Environmental Improvements, Safer Neighbourhood Team and the work of the WLC officer based in SNT

Decision

To note the contents of the report.