

## **HOUSING COMMITTEE**

- (1) To plan, set targets for, and monitor the performance of all services including those delivered through partners and external bodies within the remit of this Committee and to be responsible for the supervision and oversight of the Communities and Housing group of services.
- (2) To consider and make recommendations to the Council in relation to the following matters:-
  - (a) policies and programmes for house construction, improvement and maintenance;
  - (b) policies and programmes based on assessment of housing needs within the Council's area, and
  - (c) policies and programmes relating to the allocation, letting and sale of houses and other properties held on the housing accounts.
- (3) To approve the Local Housing Strategy to identify and help address housing needs in North Lanarkshire.
- (4) To approve the Strategic Housing Investment Plan to help increase housing supply and meet identified needs.
- (5) To consider and determine special cases in relation to the allocation of Council houses which warrant exception to the Council's Housing Allocation Policy.
- (6) To approve and monitor implementation of the Council's Capital Programme for housing investment projects.
- (7) To liaise with other agencies in relation to meeting the housing needs and priorities of the Council and the provision of resources for housing.
- (8) Removal or improvement of unfit or unsatisfactory housing conditions and oversight of houses in multiple occupation and registration.
- (9) To formulate recommendations in relation to rent income collection, rent levels and rent structure in terms of appropriate legislation.
- (10) To secure the provision of a complete construction service to the Council (housing).
- (11) To oversee policy and practice with regard to anti-social behaviour.
- (12) To direct, supervise and discharge the functions of the Council as Building Standards Authority and associated Services within the Built Environment Service in terms of the legislation relating to building standards.
- (13) To exercise the Council's functions in relation to the improvement or removal of unsatisfactory housing conditions in respect of properties not in Council ownership except those functions which are within the areas of responsibility of another Committee.
- (14) To direct and supervise and discharge the functions of the Council in relation to removal or improvement of unfit or unsatisfactory housing conditions and oversight of houses in multiple occupation and registration of landlords.
- (15) To discharge the Council's functions under the legislation relating to Housing and any byelaws, rules, regulations or orders made thereunder with regard to:-
  - (a) the provision of housing accommodation;

- (b) the promotion of investment in privately owned housing, treatment of houses in disrepair and substandard houses;
  - (c) homeless persons;
  - (d) the provision of financial and other assistance towards works of improvement, repair and conversion;
  - (e) the management, modernisation and improvement of the Council's houses to meet the Scottish Housing Quality Standard;
  - (f) the abatement of overcrowding, and
  - (g) the improvement of the physical environs of Council owned houses.
- (16) To approve Schemes of Assistance, including financial assistance, whether by way of grant or loan or otherwise, to assist in the improvement of quality of the housing in North Lanarkshire generally.
  - (17) To approve and review the Council's policies in relation to participation by Council tenants in the activities of the Council as Housing Authority and in terms of Housing legislation.
  - (18) Oversee the delivery of Corporate Property Repairs and Maintenance and the scrutiny of performance.
  - (19) To ensure that the Council's housing stock and other properties under the oversight of all services in the remit of the Committee are adequately and efficiently managed and maintained and to give consideration to practices and procedures in relation to the repair of such properties.
  - (20) To monitor and approve expenditure falling within the remit of this Committee consistent with approved Council objectives.
  - (21) To consider and oversee the Council's policies and functions in relation to CCTV.
  - (22) To direct and supervise and discharge the function of the Council in relation to the naming of streets and the numbering of premises.
  - (23) To invite representatives (Board members and/or senior management) of ALEOs to attend to provide information and assurance on relevant matters as requested.
  - (24) To accept tenders for previously approved projects within the responsibility of this Committee.
  - (25) To consider and agree action in relation to petitions received by the Council relative to the business of the Committee.