

updated Local Housing Strategy Action Programme to be presented to Council later this year.

2.0 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 In June 2023 the Council's EDI Committee declared a Housing Emergency due to a consistent reduction in supply of housing, a steady increase in demand for housing across all tenures and increasing levels of un-affordability.
- 2.2 This Committee approved a range of actions and this report is to update the EDI Committee one of those actions, which was to hold a Housing Emergency Summit.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 Members of the Environment, Development and Infrastructure Committee are asked to consider and endorse the Housing Summit Action Plan contained at Appendix 1 and note that appropriate elements will be incorporated into the updated Local Housing Strategy Action Programme to be presented to Council later this year.

4.0 DETAIL

- 4.1 In June 2023 the Council's Environment, Development and Infrastructure (EDI) Committee declared a Housing Emergency due to a consistent reduction in supply of housing, a steady increase in demand for housing across all tenures and increasing levels of un-affordability.

The Committee approved the following:-

- The intention to update the Local Housing Strategy; and
- The intention to hold an Argyll and Bute housing summit together with relevant stakeholders in the Autumn of 2023

- 4.2 This report is to update the EDI Committee on the second of those points regarding a Housing Summit. Declaring a housing emergency in Argyll and Bute is a call to action for government, public bodies and partners. It is intended as the catalyst to bring partners, stakeholders, investors and communities together to prioritise and commit to the collective action needed to tackle housing shortage. The Council is working hard with partners to programme a broad range of activities, both in the short term and long term, to

- 6.5.3 Islands - The delivery of affordable housing across Argyll and Bute facilitates socio-economic opportunities for all. The SHIP links with the Child Poverty Strategy.
- 6.6 Risk - The Housing Needs and Demand Assessment process takes full account of housing need on the islands.
- 6.7 Climate Change – New housing in the right location helps reduce carbon outputs particularly when heating is provided using renewable energy and utilising high standards of insulation which can also be applied to existing stock.
- 6.8 Customer Service – None.
- 6.9 Rights of the Child (UNCRC) – None.

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APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Housing Summit Action Plan