

# **PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL**

## **Housing and Communities Committee**

**2 September 2020**

### **Housing to 2040 – Response on Scottish Government’s Consultation on Housing to 2040**

#### **Report by Head of Housing (Report No. 20/152)**

This report details the Council’s response to the Scottish Government’s consultation on Housing to 2040. Members of the committee are asked to note and homologate the response.

## **1. BACKGROUND**

### **What is Housing to 2040?**

- 1.1 Housing has a vital role to play in meeting many of the Scottish Government’s ambitions for Scotland, including eradicating child poverty and homelessness, ending fuel poverty, tackling climate change and promoting inclusive growth.
- 1.2 The Scottish Government’s ambition is that everyone in Scotland should have a home that is warm, affordable and accessible and that meets their needs. They also want to ensure that the housing system is dynamic and resilient to respond to future changes, helping to address the many challenges we are facing, as outlined in paragraph 1.5.
- 1.3 In its 2018–19 Programme for Government, the Scottish Government made a commitment to plan for how homes and communities should look and feel in 2040, and to set out the options and choices to get there. The new approach for Housing to 2040 intends to encompass the whole housing system, taking into account the people, place, environment and communities in which our homes are located.
- 1.4 To date national engagement with a range of stakeholders has already taken place, to help shape the draft vision and principles for 2040. The draft vision for 2040 (<https://www.gov.scot/publications/housing-to-2040/>) describes how the housing system will look and feel in the future with the intention to be aspirational and ambitious.
- 1.5 In the consultation paper, the Scottish Government have set out some of the challenges as follows:
  - an ageing population and people living longer
  - the number of households is growing, and more people are living alone
  - mitigation of the impacts of climate change
  - acting on homelessness
  - tackling child poverty

- 1.6 The Scottish Government had intended to publish their final vision and route map for 2040 in summer 2020. This has now been delayed and we are awaiting advice on the revised timeframe for this work to be completed.

## **2. CONSULTATION RESPONSE**

- 2.1 The first phase of consultation (which concluded on 30 November 2018) informed the Housing to 2040 draft vision and principles. The draft vision is structured around the following 4 themes:

- a well-functioning housing system – finding the right home; affordability; making the best use of our homes; housing investment; fairness and rural and island communities.
- high quality sustainable homes – design; standards; older and new build homes; best use of homes; empowerment; maintenance; costs and low carbon.
- sustainable communities – staying local; well-designed places; connected places; health and wellbeing; vibrant communities.
- homes that meet people's needs – lifestyle; diversity; rights; services; self-build.
- the vision is underpinned by 15 draft principles which are intended to be a high-level guide to how to make decisions to bring the vision to life.

- 2.2 In this current phase of consultation, respondents were invited to comment on the vision and principles outlined by the Scottish Government and to submit suggestions for bold, imaginative proposals to deliver the 2040 vision. In particular respondents were asked to consider questions:-

- do you have any proposals that would increase affordability of housing in the future?
- do you have any proposals that would increase the accessibility and or functionality of existing and new housing (for example, for older and disabled people?)
- do you have any proposals to help respond to the global climate emergency by increasing the energy efficiency and warmth and lowering the carbon emissions of existing and new housing?
- do you have any proposals that would improve the quality, standards and state of repair of existing and new housing?
- do you have any proposals that would improve space around our homes and promote connected places and vibrant communities?

- 2.3 To inform our response to the 2040 consultation, an elected member drop in session was held on 11 February 2020. The feedback from elected members and officers has been incorporated to our response.

- 2.4 The attached paper (Appendix 1) is the Council's draft response on the guideline questions, the draft vision and principles outlined in the document.

- 2.5 The response was submitted to the Scottish Government on 28 February.

- 2.6 Housing has a key role in meeting many of the national and local wider priorities. Since the response was submitted to the Scottish Government, Covid19 has changed the landscape immeasurably, affecting all aspects of society and our communities. Nationally, Housing's position within this new context will be reviewed and refocussed to meet the many new challenges that we face. At a local level, the role of Housing will be of continued significance as we deliver the ambition of the Perth and Kinross Offer and our Covid19 Recovery and Renew strategy.

### 3 CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 Due to our role as a landlord and strategic housing enablers, Scottish councils have an interest in the future direction of housing policy. Housing has a key role to play in meeting many wider national and local priorities and the comprehensive and long-term review is a valuable exercise in reinforcing the importance of housing in supporting a number of government policies.

- 3.2 It is recommended that the Committee:

- i) notes the response made to the Scottish Government on Housing to 2040.
- ii) homologates the response from Perth and Kinross Council to the Scottish Government, submitted by the deadline of 28 February 2020.

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## 1. IMPLICATIONS, ASSESSMENTS, CONSULTATION AND COMMUNICATION

<b>Strategic Implications</b>	<b>Yes / None</b>
Community Plan / Single Outcome Agreement	<b>Yes</b>
Corporate Plan	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Resource Implications</b>	
Financial	<b>Yes</b>
Workforce	<b>None</b>
Asset Management (land, property, IST)	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Assessments</b>	
Equality Impact Assessment	<b>None</b>
Strategic Environmental Assessment	<b>None</b>
Sustainability (community, economic, environmental)	<b>None</b>
Legal and Governance	<b>None</b>
Risk	<b>None</b>
<b>Consultation</b>	
Internal	<b>Yes</b>
External	<b>No</b>
<b>Communication</b>	
Communications Plan	<b>None</b>

### 1. Strategic Implications

#### Community Plan

- 1.1 The Perth and Kinross Community Plan and Perth and Kinross Council Corporate Plan have five concurrent outcomes which provide clear strategic direction, inform decisions at a corporate and service level and shape resources allocation. The following influenced the response made to the Scottish Government covered in this report:

- i) Promoting a prosperous, inclusive and sustainable economy
- ii) Supporting people to lead independent, healthy and active lives
- iii) Creating a safe and sustainable place for future generations

### 2. Resource Implications

#### Financial

- 2.1 There are no resource implications arising from this report.

#### Workforce

- 2.2 There are no direct workforce implications regarding this report.

#### Asset Management (land, property, IT)

- 2.3 There are no asset management implications arising from this report.

### **3. Assessments**

#### Equality Impact Assessment

- 3.1 Under the Equality Act 2010, the Council is required to eliminate discrimination, advance equality of opportunity, and foster good relations between equality groups. Carrying out Equality Impact Assessments for plans and policies allows the Council to demonstrate that it is meeting these duties.
- 3.2 The proposals have been considered under the Corporate Equalities Impact Assessment process (EqIA) with the following outcome:
- (i) Assessed as **not relevant** for the purposes of EqIA

#### Strategic Environmental Assessment

- 3.3 The Environmental Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 places a duty on the Council to identify and assess the environmental consequences of its proposals. However, no action is required as it does not qualify as a PPS as defined by the Act and is therefore exempt.

#### Sustainability

- 3.4 There are no sustainability issues arising from this report.

#### Legal and Governance

- 3.5 There are no direct legal implications of this report.

#### Risk

- 3.6 There are no risks associated with this report.

### **4. Consultation**

#### Internal

- 4.1 Elected members were consulted on the response to be made to the Scottish Government on Housing to 2040.
- 4.2 The Tenant Committee Report Panel are pleased to see reference to the Perth and Kinross Offer, Place Making and that Housing is seen as a human right. They also commented that they are looking forward to the next steps.

## **5. Communication**

- 5.1 There are no direct communication issues with regard to this report.

## **2. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 2.1 <https://www.gov.scot/publications/housing-to-2040/>

## **3. APPENDICES**

- 3.1 Appendix 1- Response from Perth And Kinross Council to The Scottish Government's Consultation on Housing To 2040.