

REPORT TO COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE – 7 SEPTEMBER 2017

ATTENDANCE AT CONFERENCE

1. Recommendations

The Committee is recommended to:

- 1.1 **Nominate a member of this Committee to attend a Scotland Policy Conference on Priorities for Housing Policy in Scotland on 7th December 2017.**

2. Background / Discussion

- 2.1 The conference provides an opportunity for delegates to consider the next steps for the delivery of new homes within the context of potential changes to the planning system, the target of delivering 50,000 affordable homes between 2016 and 2021 and the introduction of the Housing Infrastructure Fund. The conference takes place following publication of the Scottish Government's National Planning Framework (NPF) 3 Monitoring Report and with the planning bill expected in late 2017.

3 Consultations

- 3.1 The Head of Finance and Monitoring Officer within Business Services have been consulted in the preparation of this report and their comments are incorporated within the report and are satisfied that the report complies with the Scheme of Governance and relevant legislation.

4 Scheme of Governance

- 4.1 The Committee is able to consider this item in terms of Section D 4.1 of the List of Committee Powers in Part 2A of the Scheme of Governance.

5 Implications and Risk

- 5.1 An Equalities Impact Assessment is not required because the matter being reported does not have a differential impact on any of the protected characteristics.
- 5.2 There are no staffing or financial implications arising from this report.
- 5.3 The registration cost of £210 plus VAT shall be payable from the Housing Revenue Account. Travel and subsistence costs will be met from the Councillors Travel and Expenses Budget on Page 73, Line 8 of the 2016-2021 Revenue Budget.

5.4 There are no Risks identified as relevant to this matter on a Corporate Level.

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