



REPORT TO: COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE ON 18 NOVEMBER 2014

**SUBJECT: HOUSING AND PROPERTY SERVICE PLAN 2014/15 –
PROGRESS QUARTER 1 AND 2**

**BY: ACTING CORPORATE DIRECTOR (ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT,
PLANNING AND INFRASTRUCTURE)**

1. REASON FOR REPORT

- 1.1 This report sets out the progress achieved in the implementation of the actions agreed within the Housing and Property Service Plan 2014/15.
- 1.2 This report is submitted to Committee in terms of Section III H (2) of the Council's Administrative Scheme relating to the functions of the Housing and Property Service.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Communities Committee considers and notes this progress report.**

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 At its meeting on 29 April 2014, the Communities Committee agreed the Housing and Property Service Plan (paragraph 6 of the Minute refers).

4. PROGRESS ACHIEVED

- 4.1 Actions were presented within the Service Plan under four priorities –
- Increase the supply of affordable housing
 - Tackle homelessness
 - Manage our assets effectively
 - Improve service quality

APPENDIX I provides details of progress achieved in Quarters 1 and 2.

- 4.2 Twelve actions were scheduled for completion by the end of September 2014. Of these, eleven were completed by that date. The one exception to note is:-

Negotiate the purchase of ground at March Road, Buckie – It was originally intended that this action would be completed by August 2014. Outline proposals have been developed and a budget estimate of servicing the site has been completed. Meetings to negotiate the purchase of the ground with the landowner have been programmed and completion of this action will now be dependent on the outcome of these negotiations.

- 4.4 A further report will be presented on Service Plan progress in May 2015. The Service Plan will also be revised for 2015/16.

5. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

(a) Council/Community Planning Priorities

The Service Plan reflects the priorities outlined in the Moray 2023 plan and also reflects priorities identified in the preparation of the Council's Local Housing Strategy.

(b) Policy and Legal

There are no policy and legal implications to consider.

(c) Financial Implications

There are no immediate financial implications arising from this report. Any financial implications arising from implementation of specific Service Plan actions will be presented in further detail to the relevant Committee.

(d) Risk Implications

A risk assessment has been completed by the Service. Work will be carried out by December 2014 to review sectional risk assessments.

(e) Staffing Implications

There are no staffing implications arising from this report.

(f) Property

There are no property implications arising from this report.

(g) Equalities

There are no equalities issues arising from this report.

(h) Consultations

Consultation on this report has been carried out with senior managers in the Housing and Property Service. Any comments have been incorporated in the report.

6. CONCLUSION

- 6.1 This report provides details of progress during Quarters 1 and 2 in the implementation of the actions agreed as part of the Housing and Property Service Plan 2014/15.**

Author of Report:	Richard Anderson
Background Papers:	Held by author
Ref:	SP/TS/RA – Service Plan Q2 – 18 November 2014