



REPORT TO: COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE ON 26 MAY 2015

SUBJECT: HOUSING AND PROPERTY SERVICE PLAN 2014/15

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

1. REASON FOR REPORT

- 1.1 This report sets out the progress achieved in implementing 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 (G) (2) of the Council's Administrative Scheme relating to exercising all the functions of the Council as a Housing Authority.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Communities Committee considers and notes the progress that has been achieved.**

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 On 29 April 2014, the Communities Committee agreed the Housing and Property Service Plan for 2014/15 (paragraph 6 of the Minute refers). The plan identified 35 key actions to be taken forward during 2014/15 with progress on the plan to be reported 6 monthly to this Committee. On 18 November 2014, progress on quarters 1 and 2 was reported (paragraph 4 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 the progress achieved in 2014/15.

- 4.2 A total of 33 actions were achieved. Two financial targets (Housing Investment Programme and Private Sector Grants) were not totally achieved, although performance is viewed as satisfactory. Four actions are ongoing and have been carried forward to 2015/16. These are:

- Negotiations to purchase March Road continues
- Asset Management Plans for West Moray to be concluded by October 2015
- Reconfiguration of temporary accommodation – August 2015
- Review of Supported Accommodation Team – September 2016

5. **SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS**

(a) Council / Community Planning Priorities

The Service Plan reflects the priorities outlined in the Single Outcome Agreement and the Corporate Improvement Plan. It 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 2015 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, Alasdair McEachan, Legal Services Manager (Property and Contracts), Deborah O'Shea (Principal Accountant) and Lissa Rowan (Committee Services Clerk). Any comments have been incorporated in the report.

6. CONCLUSION

6.1 This report provides progress on the actions that were identified within the Housing and Property Service Plan in 2014/15.

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Background Papers:	held by author
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