

City Development Plan – National Planning Framework 4 – Development of policy on housing – Update and deputation noted – Instruction to Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Sustainability and Regeneration - Declaration of interest.

2 With reference to the minutes of 19th November 2024 (Print 5, page 54) instructing the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Sustainability and Regeneration to report back to this committee on the implementation of the National Planning Framework 4 (NPF4), there was submitted the said report, advising

- (1) that NPF4 was brought into force in February 2023 and was a national spatial strategy for Scotland which sets out spatial principles, regional priorities, national developments and national planning policy;
- (2) that NPF 4 contained a suite of land use policies, many of them cross-cutting across topics, to be applied in decision making and local development plan preparation with Policy 16, Quality Homes covering the National policy intent in relation to housing, and NPF4 defined affordable housing as good quality homes that were affordable to people on low incomes, this could include social rented, mid-market rented, shared-ownership, shared-equity, housing sold at discount (including plots for self-build), self-build plots and low cost housing without subsidy;
- (3) of the planning policy for Affordable Housing in Glasgow, as detailed in the report;
- (4) that Glasgow's housing market was complex and the NPF4 policy indicated that an affordable housing policy needs to be based on a consideration of need in a local authority area, and the target was to be informed by the Local Development Plan and currently the Council did not have any local policy or guidance that would justify or inform how developer contributions would apply to the provision of affordable housing in relation to proposals for market housing, however the development of such policy was a clear commitment expressed in the Council's Strategic Plan 2022-27 and the Local Housing Strategy 2023-28;
- (5) of the issues for the delivery of an affordable housing contributions policy for Glasgow;
- (6) of an update on the decision by the Court of Session in relation to the Mossend Decision and which related to the interpretation of NPF4 subsection (f) in relation to exiting development plans and this decision had been scrutinised by officers in Planning Service and Legal Services, as detailed in the report; and
- (7) of the next steps.

After consideration and having heard in terms of Standing Order No 10, a deputation by Mr Colm Birmingham, Living Rent Glasgow in relation to the implementation of the National Planning Framework 4, the committee

- (a) noted
 - (i) the report; and
 - (ii) the deputation by Mr Birmingham; and
- (b) instructed the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Sustainability and Regeneration to report back to this committee on the outcome of the research which would focus on the delivery of affordable housing through a possible contributions policy.

In terms of Standing Order No 27, Councillor Saqib Ahmed declared an interest in this item of business and left the meeting and took no part in the discussion or decision thereon.