Dampness, condensation and mould and its impact on housing stock noted.

4 There was submitted and noted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability regarding an overview of how the Council had responded to reports of dampness, condensation and mould within the social and private housing sectors, advising

(1) of the referral process and procedure for the reporting of dampness complaints and the monitoring of those complaints, as detailed in the report;

(2) that an updated information leaflet entitled “A Guide to Dampness” was now available on the Council’s website with owners and residents being signposted to the Under One Roof website where they could obtain more in-depth technical information;

(3) that the Society of Chief Environmental Health Officers had highlighted a need for national guidance to be published by the Scottish Government/Public Health Scotland on dampness and mould and work on this was still ongoing;

(4) that smart home technology had been adopted by many Registered Social Landlords (RSLs) as part of their everyday tools for addressing mould and damp within their housing stock and that 2 RSLs were piloting the application of electric wallpaper within their own tenement stock and findings of these pilot projects would be included in a future report to committee on retrofit;

(5) that the Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability Housing Services Retrofit team were working on finalising a Housing Retrofit Position Statement that draws together key learning to date and would set out a delivery framework for home retrofit in the city, as far as can currently be determined, as detailed in the report;

(6) that all RSLs now had policies and procedures in place for addressing the issue of dampness and condensation within their housing stock, as detailed in the report; and

(7) of future actions, as detailed in the report which included officers in Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability exploring how the new links with other local authorities regarding in-work training opportunities for officers dealing with dampness/mould complaints along with establishing a forum for best practice through the Scottish Housing Network Group.