

Building Standards Annual Performance Report noted.

4 There was submitted and noted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability regarding the Building Standards Annual Performance Report 2025/26, advising

- (1) that in Scotland all 32 local authorities were appointed by the Scottish Minister to operate and administer the building warrant function for their geographical area and that the current period ran from 1st May 2023 to 30 April 2029;
- (2) that the Performance Framework required submissions of quarterly reporting on verification to the Ministers and publish an annual performance report at the end of the year;
- (3) that Annual report required to be published online, as detailed in the report;
- (4) that the year 2025/26 continued to prove very challenging from a performance that continued to be against a background of limited success in filling vacancies in terms of recruiting staff; and
- (5) of current and future actions and that the Scottish Ministers recognised the challenges and had continued discussion with local authorities on the future direction of Building Standards.