

Supplementary Paper

20th December 2012

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1** This report sets out a proposed amendment to the Supplementary Guidance relating to the Delivery of Affordable Housing as proposed by the Helensburgh and Lomond Area Committee following their consideration of the Proposed Local Development Plan at their meeting on the 11th of December 2012.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1** That the Council approve the proposed amendment to the Supplementary Guidance relating to Affordable Housing, subject to any changes they require to be made, to be included in the Supplementary Guidance for a 3 month period of public consultation.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1** The Helensburgh and Lomond Area Committee agreed to propose an amendment to the Supplementary Guidance on the Delivery of Affordable Housing to the council for its consideration as follows:-

SG - Delivery of Affordable Housing (page 121 of SG document)

Section 5. Mechanisms for delivery

This report consequently recommends to the council that the following text be inserted at the beginning of section 5.1:-

....."Where the housing allocation schedule requires affordable housing to be provided, this is expected to be fully integrated on site, delivered by a number of different mechanisms including shared equity where appropriate and taken forward in a tenure blind manner. Only in exceptional circumstances and once the developer has demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Planning Authority that on site provision is not practicable will the other options then be considered." In order to secure the most appropriate affordable housing for each site therefore a sequential approach will be applied to the delivery of affordable housing, in the following order:

- 3.2** It is considered that the above additional text provides further clarity regarding the council's priority in the provision of affordable housing and reinforces the sequential approach already set out in the proposed Supplementary Guidance that will be subject to a 3 month public consultation before being reported back to Members.

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