

**Update on Action Plan for Campbeltown Private Sector Tenement Property**

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**1.0 SUMMARY**

- 1.1 This report provides an update on the drafting of an action plan related to on-going issues of disrepair and dilapidation of private sector tenement buildings in Campbeltown town center.

**2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 That members take note of the various points which are raised in this report.

**3.0 DETAIL**

- 3.1 Members met with officers of various service departments on 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2014 when it was agreed that an action plan would be prepared by the Area Property Action Group (APAG) to co-ordinate an escalation action on tenements in disrepair in Campbeltown.
- 4.2 The APAG met on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2014 to discuss a draft plan which was circulated for comment and consideration. Following on from that meeting the plan is being revised for submission to line management in the various services for further consideration and revision. On conclusion of this the plan will be submitted to Members for their consideration and further revision before adoption.
- 4.3 The action plan is predicated on the following;
- The change in emphases to a more proactive approach, particularly with regard to enforcement, should be communicated to owners who will then be afforded the opportunity to meet statutory standards before consideration of enforcement action.
  - Partnership with owners is preferable to enforcement.
  - Public and owner information and education on the rights and responsibilities of owners are a key component.
  - Resources are limited, for both owners and the Council.
  - The status quo is not an acceptable option.

4.4 The action plan will be completed and submitted to the Committee 6<sup>th</sup> August 2014.

4.5 In the meantime action is continuing on various aspects of concern;

1. Work is underway to identify owners with a common responsibility for various decking areas.
2. Building Standards Services have authorised structural surveys of various tenements in the town.
3. One tenement has been surveyed (as result of a concern reported by a member of the public and part of routine work) and joint report is being prepared to send to owners. This will be a test of how the action plan might work in practice.

## **5.0 CONCLUSION**

5.1 This report updates Members on the progress on the Campbeltown Tenement Action Plan

## **6.0 IMPLICATIONS**

6.1 Implications will be reported in full with a final report on the agreed action plan.

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