

Local Government and Communities Committee

Strategic Housing Investment Plans

Response from Aberdeenshire Council

Dear Sirs

With apologies for the delay please find a response to your letter of 31 May 2017:

- **how you decide on the number of specific house type, house sizes and tenures that will be delivered in your area (which may either be detailed in your SHIP or decided at a later date).**

Effectively the Housing Need and Demand Assessment is the evidence base which informs our Local Housing Strategy and in turn our SHIP. The output from the HNDA will guide and inform our future development programmes in terms of tenure, house sizes and house types including those for particular needs households. Analysis of housing data including waiting list and relets information alongside local intelligence from our Housing Options colleagues also influences the size and type of housing to be delivered to ensure that local housing need is being met appropriately.

- **how you monitor and evaluate whether the SHIP, and the projects finally delivered, meets the requirements and needs of the local area and also contribute to the Scottish Government's target of 50,000 affordable homes by 2021.**

The number of new affordable homes completed is monitored and evaluated through our Local Housing Strategy on an annual basis. Data is routinely collected throughout the year across all of our affordable housing partners to monitor progress and delivery and this is reported as part of our LHS annual update report. Furthermore regular meetings are held with our Scottish Government colleagues throughout the year ensuring up to date information is shared in order to monitor and track progress.

Should you require further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards

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