

Local Government and Communities Committee

Strategic Housing Investment Plans

Response from East Dunbartonshire Council

Dear Mr. Doris

Consideration of Strategic Housing Investment Plans (SHIPs)

I refer to your letter of 31 May 2017. Please accept my apologies for the delay in responding which is due to this letter not being received until 7 June 2017.

East Dunbartonshire Council takes cognisance of issues identified in our Local Housing Strategy, as follows:

Question 1 - how we 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)

The Council Housing Service determines the number on each site based on the most recent housing need and demand analysis carried out by the Glasgow Clydeplan Group. Further analysis is produced at local level from the Council's Housing list, Homeless list and allocations as to the size and type required in each settlement. The Council's Housing list shows that every size and type of accommodation is required in every settlement.

Question 2 - how we 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 SHIP is monitored on an ongoing basis, as and when projects are up and running. It has been agreed by the Council and Registered Social Landlords (RSLs) that every RSL operating in East Dunbartonshire allows the first nominations for new build properties to be allocated from the Council's Housing list. The Council has a very robust SHIP and the Council is confident that many of the sites will be delivered between 2017-2011. The Council has now been awarded Resource Planning Assumptions for the next 4 years. This higher level of grant funding will allow approximately 1,000 new affordable homes to be built.

I trust that the above information clarifies the position for East Dunbartonshire.

If you require any further information please do not hesitate contact me.

Kind regards

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