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West Dunbartonshire Health & Social Care Partnership Board Housing Contribution Statement May 2016

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1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 West Dunbartonshire Health & Social Care Partnership Board is responsible for the strategic planning and reporting of a range of health and social care services delegated to it by NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde Health Board and West Dunbartonshire Council (described in full within its approved Integration Scheme). The Council and the Health Board discharge the operational delivery of those delegated services (except those related to the Health Board's Acute Division services most commonly associated with the emergency care pathway) through the partnership arrangement referred to as West Dunbartonshire Health & Social Care Partnership. The Health & Social Care Partnership Board is responsible for the operational oversight of West Dunbartonshire Health & Social Care Partnership (WDHSCP).
- 1.2 The West Dunbartonshire Health & Social Care Partnership Board's:
 - Mission is to improve the health and wellbeing of West Dunbartonshire.
 - Purpose is to plan for and ensure the delivery of high quality health and social care services to and with the communities of West Dunbartonshire.
 - Core values are protection; improvement; efficiency; transparency; fairness; collaboration; respect; and compassion.
- 1.3 The Partnership Board as the Integration Authority for West Dunbartonshire is a legal entity in its own right created by Parliamentary Order, following ministerial approval of the Integration Scheme.
- 1.4 The Public Bodies (Joint Working) Act required that some aspects of housing support services, which are provided to individuals as, or in conjunction with personal care or personal support services, had to be included in integration arrangements. The Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Prescribed Local Authority Functions etc.) Regulations sets out a specific definition for "Housing Support Service" which determines the extent to which any function under which a housing support service is provided must be included in integration arrangements. The definition then of "Housing Support Service" is that it:
 - Means any service which provides support, assistance, advice or counselling to a
 person for the purpose of enabling that person to occupy, or to continue to occupy,
 accommodation as their sole or main residence.
 - Does not include any service which involve the installation or maintenance of an aid or adaptation; or any service which is provided to a person as, or in conjunction with, personal care or personal support services provided in the person's place of residence.
- 1.5 The Scottish Government's Housing Advice Note provides statutory guidance to Integration Authorities, Health Boards and Local Authorities with respect to the Public Bodies (Joint Working) Act; and applies especially to the preparation of a Housing Contribution Statement for inclusion within the Integration Authority's Strategic Plan.
- 1.6 This Housing Contribution Statement then sets out the arrangements for carrying out the housing functions delegated to the West Dunbartonshire Health and Social Care Partnership Board under s29(2)(a) of the 2014 Act; and, in accordance with s(29)(2)(c) of the Act, sets out an overarching strategic statement of how the Partnership Board intends to work with housing services (whether delegated to it or not) to deliver its outcomes.

- 1.7 Scottish Local Authorities have a statutory responsibility to produce a Local Housing Strategy, which is the key strategic document for all tenures and for all housing related services. The West Dunbartonshire Local Housing Strategy 2011- 2016 is the overarching strategic document on housing and related services, including housing support.
- 1.8 This Housing Contribution Statement then also sets out the role and contribution of the local Housing Sector through the offices of West Dunbartonshire Council in its role as strategic housing authority in meeting the outcomes and priorities identified within the Strategic Plan. In this way, the Housing Contribution Statement acts as the 'bridge' between the Local Housing Strategy and the Strategic Plan for West Dunbartonshire. It will do this by:
 - Briefly articulating the role of the local housing sector in the governance arrangements for the integration of health and social care.
 - Providing a short overview of the shared evidence base and key issues identified in relation to housing needs and the link to health and social care.
 - Set out the shared outcomes and service priorities linking the Strategic Plan and Local Housing Strategy.
 - Set out the current and future resources and investment required to meet these shared outcomes and priorities, and identify where these will be funded from the integrated budget and where they will be funded by other (housing) resources.
 - Provide an overview of the housing-related challenges going forward and improvements required.
 - Cover key areas such as adaptations, housing support and homelessness, including articulating the housing contribution across a wide range of groups including older people and those with disabilities, mental health and addictions.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The West Dunbartonshire Health & Social Care Partnership Board was established on the 1st of July 2015; and approved its first Strategic Plan (2015-16) at that meeting (which confirmed the integration commencement start date as being the 1st July 2016).
- 2.2 That first Strategic Plan confirmed how the Partnership Board would use its allocated resources to deliver the National Health and Well-being Outcomes prescribed by the Scottish Ministers in Regulations under section 5(1) of the Act, namely that:
 - People are able to look after and improve their own health and wellbeing and live in good health for longer.
 - People, including those with disabilities or long term conditions or who are frail are able to live, as far as reasonably practicable, independently and at home or in a homely setting in their community.
 - People who use health and social care services have positive experiences of those services, and have their dignity respected.
 - Health and social care services are centred on helping to maintain or improve the quality of life of people who use those services.
 - Health and social care services contribute to reducing health inequalities.
 - People who provide unpaid care are supported to look after their own health and wellbeing, including to reduce any negative impact of their caring role on their own health and well-being.
 - People using health and social care services are safe from harm.

- People who work in health and social care services feel engaged with the work they
 do and are supported to continuously improve the information, support, care and
 treatment they provide.
- Resources are used effectively and efficiently in the provision of health and social care services.
- 2.3 In addition, the Council and Health Board had agreed that children and families' health and social care services and criminal justice social work services would included within the functions and services to be delegated to the Partnership Board. Consequently the specific National Outcomes for Children and Criminal Justice were also within the Strategic Plans, i.e.:
 - Our children have the best start in life and are ready to succeed.
 - Our young people are successful learners, confident individuals, effective contributors and responsible citizens.
 - We have improved the life chances for children, young people and families at risk.
 - Community safety and public protection.
 - The reduction of re-offending.
 - Social inclusion to support desistance from offending.
- 2.4 The Housing Advice Note September 2015 notes the role of the Housing Sector in the integration of health and social care and cites the contribution it makes to meeting the Scottish Government's National Health and Wellbeing Outcomes, in particular:

People, including those with disabilities, long term conditions, or those who are frail, are able to live, as far as reasonably practicable, independently and at home or in a homely setting in their community.

3. GOVERNANCE: THE ROLE OF THE HOUSING SECTOR

- 3.1 West Dunbartonshire Council's Service Manager for Housing Strategy & Development is an appointed non-voting member on and professional advisor for housing to the Partnership Board (reflecting the Council's role as strategic housing authority for the area).
- 3.2 HSCP Officers and Council Housing Officers ensure that matters of mutual interest are formally reported to both the Housing and Communities Committee of the Council and the Partnership Board.
- 3.3 The Council as strategic housing authority has made arrangements for the wider housing sector to engage appropriately in the work of the HSCP and the development of this Housing Contribution Statement (and consequently the Strategic Plan 2016/17 as a whole).
- 3.4 The Housing Sector through the Council and the HSCP are able to build upon existing robust and effective mechanisms for engagement, working together closely across many service areas on issues of joint interest. There is a shared recognition that the wider housing sector must be involved in supporting the delivery of the health and social care integration agenda. In particular, all housing associations have a role to play. A number of specialist housing associations operate within West Dunbartonshire and their engagement is likely to be different from that of the community based associations.

- 3.5 The Council convenes the West Dunbartonshire Housing Providers Forum, which brings together the social housing landlords operating in the area to coordinate and take forward the local housing agenda (including any issues pertinent to the outcomes within the HSCP Strategic Plan). The Forum was involved in the preparation of this Housing Contribution Statement; and will continue to be the main body for involving housing providers in implementing the housing dimension of the HSCP Strategic Plan. The Housing Providers Forum meets quarterly, with HSCP officer representation and a HSCP update report as a standing item.
- 3.6 The West Dunbartonshire Local Housing Strategy 2011 2016 was adopted by West Dunbartonshire Council in November 2011. The preparation of the HSCP Strategic Plan 2015 -2016 took due cognisance of that Local Housing Strategy; and the final document included a distinct section concerning Housing as a precursor to the development of this Housing Contribution Statement. This Housing Contribution Statement has then also been developed to be incorporated within the HSCP Strategic Plan 2016-17; and also be reflected within the new Local Housing Strategy for West Dunbartonshire that will be completed by the end of 2016.
- 3.7 As articulated within the Strategic Plan 2015/16, the Housing Sector is key contributor to the delivery of the HSCP's Commissioning Consortium approach across third and independent sector providers of social care and housing providers. This uses a commissioning model to identify need across local communities and ensure the most effective and appropriate interventions and services are available within those communities.
- 3.8 The Housing Sector also contributes to the HSCP's strategic planning through its being represented in the local Integrated Care Fund Reference Group; and HSCP's locality planning through its being represented at each of the locality groups for the two localities confirmed within the Strategic Plan 2015/16, i.e. the Alexandria and Dumbarton locality; and the Clydebank locality.

4. HOUSING NEED, DEMAND AND JOINT STRATEGIC COMMISSIONING

- 4.1 West Dunbartonshire Council is a member of the Clydeplan Housing Market Partnership, the grouping of the eight local authorities in the Glasgow and Clyde Valley (GCV) area which has prepared a cross boundary Housing Need and Demand Assessment (HNDA) as part of the emerging Strategic Development Plan (SDP). This assessment provides estimates of existing and future housing need and demand to assist in the development of housing supply policies, management of existing stock and the provision of housing related services.
- 4.2 The HNDA was published in September 2014 and has received approval from the Scottish Government's Centre for Housing Market Research. The HNDA is used to inform the SDP as well as other plans such as the Local Development Plans and Local Housing Strategies of the local authorities within the GCV area. For Development Plans, the HNDA provides estimates of new housing required and the spatial implications of that future requirement. However, the HNDA also provides insights into the requirement for specific types of housing, including Specialist Provision. While the HNDA is vital for the preparation of the SDP and other strategic reports, much of the data analysis is provided at a regional level and there is limited information to help quantify the numbers and type of housing required to meet specific housing needs.

- 4.3 The HSCP Strategic Plan provides an overview of the health and social care needs of the West Dunbartonshire population pooled from deeper background sources (i.e. its joint strategic needs assessment). As part of the approach to commissioning through the HSCP's Commissioning Consortium, the Council's Housing Section and the HSCP have developed an evidence base in respect of the health and social care needs of the West Dunbartonshire population and this fills the gaps in HNDA information. Together, these documents will form the basis of the commissioning and procurement approaches moving forward.
- 4.4 The table below sets out key housing-related health and wellbeing statistics for West Dunbartonshire.

Summary West Dunbartonshire Housing, Health and Wellbeing Profile

Factor	Value	Trend	Compared to National
Population at 2014	89,730	- 0.1% from 2013. It is estimated that this figure will drop further to 86,392 by 2029.	WD accounts for 1.7% of Scotland's population
Households at 2014	41,399	+1.0% from 2009	+ 2.9%
Age Profile 16-29	17.6% of population	Downwards	18.3%
60+	23.6%	Upwards	24%
75+	7 .8%	Upwards	8.1%
Life Expectancy Males	74.7 (2012/14)	Up from 70.8 in 2002/04	77.1
Life Expectancy Females	78.7	Up from 77.6 in 2002/04	81.1
Single Adult Dwellings	16,450	Projected to rise by 23% over the next 25 years.	Projected to rise by 35% over the next 25 years
Housing Costs/Affordability: -Average House Price	£113,807	Downwards	£167,734
-Average Weekly Council Rent (3apt)	£63.95	Upwards	£69.61
Number on Council House Waiting List 2014/15	3,943	Downwards (4,482 in 2013/14)	N/A
Rate of homelessness (per 1000 of population)	2013/14 – 24.06 2014/15 – 24.44	Increase of 1.6%	2014/15 – 12.31
Rate of youth homelessness (per 1000 of pop)	2014/15 – 28.9		2014/15 - 13.3
Fuel Poverty	30%	Upwards	39%
Out of Work Benefits - Working Age Claimants:			

Factor	Value	Trend	Compared to National
Total Claimants	19.5%		13.9%
ESA and Incapacity Benefit	10.6%		7.9%
People 65+ receiving home care	1,177 March 2015	14% decrease since March 2012 – reflects change in service targeting those with high level needs.	2% decrease since March 2012
Percentage of people aged 65+ receiving personal care as part of their home care service	94 % - March 2015	Steadily increased from 81% in 2011/12	N/A
Number of people with Telecare/Community Alarm	2,590 during 2014/15	Increasing year on year. Reporting changed from snapshot to full year figure in 2014/15 so comparison not available.	122,730 during 2014/15
Number of people with Telecare/Community Alarm not receiving home care	1,630 during 2014/15 (63%)	Reporting changed from snapshot to full year figure in 2014/15 so comparison not available.	87,820 during 2014/15 (72%)
Children looked after within local authority	329 at July 2014	14% decrease since July 2011. 2015 figures will be published in March 2016.	15,580 at July 2014
Percentage of children looked after in the community (not in a residential setting)	89% at July 2014	Remained fairly static since 2010/2011	91% at July – also fairly static since 2010/2011.

4.5 Going forward, it will be important to more closely align the HNDA findings within the strategic needs assessment underpinning the HSCP's Strategic Plans. To support the Scottish Government's HNDA Guidance, additional research has been produced to help draw together local health, housing and social care statistics. Further national work is being carried out in this area.

5 SHARED OUTCOMES AND PRIORITIES

5.1 The HSCP Strategic Plan confirms the outcomes and priorities for the Partnership Board

- 5.2 Scottish Local Authorities have a statutory responsibility to produce a Local Housing Strategy, which is the key strategic document for all tenures and for all housing related services. The West Dunbartonshire Local Housing Strategy 2011- 2016 is the overarching strategic document on housing and related services, including housing support.
- 5.3 The Local Housing Strategy 2011- 2016 comprises the following five key themes:
 - Housing Need and Demand.
 - Promoting Good Quality Housing.
 - Homelessness.
 - Sustainable and Supportive Communities.
 - Addressing Particular Housing Needs.
- 5.4 The key Local Housing Strategy Outcome under the *Addressing Particular Housing Needs* theme reads:

People with particular needs have access to suitable housing with any necessary support to optimise their independence and wellbeing.

- 5.5 Guidance on the preparation of the new Local Housing Strategy highlights the contribution housing can make to national outcomes for health and well-being at a local level by:
 - Undertaking effective strategic housing planning.
 - Providing information and advice on housing options.
 - Identifying, facilitation and delivering suitable housing that gives people choice and an appropriate home environment.
 - Providing low level, preventative services which can prevent the need for more expensive interventions at a later stage.
 - Building capacity in local communities.
- 5.6 Work has commenced on the preparation of the next Local Housing Strategy covering the period 2017 2022 which is due to be submitted to the Scottish Government in November 2016. This has already been reported to the Partnership Board, with that report confirming that extensive consultation will be undertaken during 2016. Initial scoping work suggests that the main themes contained in the current Local Housing Strategy remain relevant and will carry forward to the new one. A review of the performance indicators will form part of the development of the new Local Housing Strategy. A cross service Officers' Working Group has been established by the Council's Housing Strategy & Development Section to take forward the Local Housing Strategy preparation. This Working Group includes senior representation from the HSCP, with officers emphasising the delivery within the Local Housing Strategy of specialist housing (including the agreed review of sheltered housing and housing for older people); and responsibilities for corporate parenting.
- 5.7 The preparation of the HSCP Strategic Plan 2015 -2016 took due cognisance of that Local Housing Strategy; and the final document included a distinct section concerning Housing as a precursor to the development of this Housing Contribution Statement. This Housing Contribution Statement has then also been developed to be incorporated within the HSCP Strategic Plan 2016-17; and also be reflected within the new Local Housing Strategy for West Dunbartonshire when finalised. It has been confirmed that the new

Local Housing Strategy will be formally brought to the Partnership Board for endorsement prior to its submission to the Scottish Government.

6 HOUSING RELATED ISSUES

- 6.1 The Local Housing Strategy outlines the Council's approach to addressing the housing and support needs of specific groups in West Dunbartonshire and how it intends to enable people to live at home or in a homely setting which promotes their independence and well-being.
- Whilst acknowledging the particular issues which a specific disability may present, the Local Housing Strategy notes that the housing support needs of the particular groups are fairly consistent. It further notes that successful housing and social care support often depends on the location, model and range of housing available.
- 6.3 With regards to addressing particular housing needs, the Local Housing Strategy has three underpinning principles:
 - Forward Planning future proofing housing and housing support to take account of how people's social and physical needs change.
 - Choice increasing the range of housing and housing support options available to people who need them.
 - Prevention promoting that housing support can be a preventative, relatively inexpensive and cost effective way of enabling people to live independently at home.
- 6.4 The HSCP Strategic Plan notes the Local Housing Strategy's commitment to provide clear strategic leadership on housing priorities for older people by:
 - Aiming to ensure appropriate information and advice is available to make informed choices and that older people are assisted to remain in and make best use of existing stock.
 - Seeking to invest in new housing which meets the needs of older people and to provide low level preventative support.
- 6.5 The HSCP Strategic Plan highlights key areas where the Housing Sector (through the office of the Council as strategic housing authority) and the HSCP will be working together in the coming period to continue to:
 - Develop housing support service to enable long term clients to be supported within West Dunbartonshire.
 - Develop plans for new and refurbished housing.
 - Develop Services at Points of Transition.
 - Provide preventative interventions and supports.
 - Ensure rapid access to assessment, and provision of aids and adaptations.
 - Seek to develop supported housing solutions for younger adults with complex needs.

<u>Develop housing support service to enable long term clients to be supported within West</u> Dunbartonshire

The Council's Housing Services worked in partnership with the HSCP in the development of the supported accommodation project at 18 Davidson Road, Alexandria.

Housing Services funded the refurbishment work which was carried out by the Council's Direct Labour Organisation. The office accommodation and the four ground floor flats have been leased to Richmond Fellowship and the project welcomed its first four residents in early December, 2015. It is intended that over time the remaining eight flats within the building will be leased to Richmond with a view to facilitating the discharge of a further eight long term clients. This project provides housing support to enable individuals to move to more independent living within their own homes.

Develop plans for new and refurbished housing

- 6.7 The HSCP works with the Housing Sector in developing the new build housing programme; in regeneration planning; and, in particular, contributes to the preparation of the biennial Strategic Housing Investment Plan (SHIP). The SHIP is the adjunct to the Local Housing Strategy, which sets out the funding priorities for Affordable Housing Supply Programme (AHSP) supported projects over a five year period and demonstrates how these will be delivered. It details on a site by site basis:
 - Local Authority and Registered Social Landlord (RSL) housing project priorities.
 - Estimated start and completion dates.
 - Projected funding sources and requirements.
 - The number of units by tenure and type (including specialist housing by need).
- 6.8 The SHIP commits to supporting the policy of shifting the balance of care from institutional settings to tenancy based support in the community and funding from secondary to primary community settings.
- A review of older people's housing models, need and demand in West Dunbartonshire carried out in August 2015 highlighted a shortfall in extra care housing or very sheltered housing. The findings of this report inform discussions on meeting the housing needs of older people. Discussions have commenced over options for the six local authority care homes which may become surplus when construction of the two new care homes that will be directly managed by the HSCP is completed in 2017/18.
- 6.10 While all new housing provided through the Affordable Housing Supply Programme must meet the Housing for Varying Needs accessibility standard, consideration is given to provision of other forms of specialist housing on a scheme by scheme basis. For example, five of the Council's first 121 new houses built through the AHSP were specially designed to full wheelchair standard for the intended tenants. During 2014/15, 33 older people's housing units were delivered by the RSL sector through Bield Housing Association.
- 6.11 The Council currently has an annual Housing Supply Target of 70 affordable units, rising to 80 from 2016/17.
- 6.12 The Council has recently adopted a Design Standard for new affordable housing which will ensure higher levels of energy efficiency and promote better space standards. The new standard will apply to all new housing supported by the AHSP commencing from 2016/17.
- 6.13 The preparation of the forthcoming Local Housing Strategy will provide the opportunity to reassess the need for specialist housing provision across the different client groups and the outcome will inform the next SHIP (which is scheduled to be submitted to the Scottish Government in November 2016).

Develop Services at Points of Transition

- 6.14 The Council's Housing Service not only responds to urgent requests for re-housing, but is also involved in the planning process for individuals at the Points of Transition young people leaving care, individuals having to leave their own homes for a variety of reasons and older people who can no longer remain in their homes due to mobility/ medical difficulties. This involves very close partnership working with officers across the HSCP to ensure that individuals at Points of Transition are re-settled successfully.
- 6.15 Council Housing officers are now included in the Community Planning Partnership's Youth Services Review Improvement Group (which is convened and chaired by the HSCP) with a view to developing a comprehensive inter-agency approach which will address the needs of the most vulnerable young people.

Provide Preventative Interventions and Supports

- 6.16 Homelessness is rarely just a housing problem and the main aim of the Council's Homelessness Section is to ensure that wherever possible, preventative interventions and appropriate supports are put in place. Early intervention is key to successful outcomes and this involves partnership working with both the HSCP and a wide range of partner agencies through the Health and Homelessness Action Plan.
- 6.17 All housing providers operating in the area have signed up to a protocol with a view to ensuring a common approach to tenancy sustainability across West Dunbartonshire.
- 6.18 The Housing Service through Homelessness Services has its own in house support team who work with individuals with a view to sustaining them in their own homes. However, if homelessness cannot be prevented they work with individuals to ensure that appropriate supports, including those around mental health and addiction, are in place to resettle them successfully. Improved information sharing is being developed between the HSCP and Housing Services to help improve outcomes for at risk clients, and our involvement in a national initiative linking homelessness data with a number of health datasets to quantify the health need of our homeless population with the general population will help support this aim.

Ensure Rapid Access to Assessment, and Provision of Aids and Adaptations

- 6.19 This year (2016/17) £906,000 will be spent providing aids and adaptations to assist people to remain in their own homes. The Council will carry out aids and adaptations to approximately 400 of its own housing stock during 2015/16 from £656,000 of the budget. A further 130 major adaptations jobs will be carried out to private sector homes from £250,000 of the budget.
- 6.20 Grants for disabled adaptations are a major mandatory part of the Private Sector Housing Grant allocation in West Dunbartonshire (38.6% in 2015/16). The HSCP's Occupational Therapy team prioritise applications, which are currently submitted and progressed through the Lomond and Clyde Care and Repair service who provide valuable support and advice to private sector applicants.
- 6.21 There are two principal funding streams for aids and adaptations work: HRA support for works to Council owned housing and General Services Account (Revenue and Capital)

for private sector work through the Private Sector Housing Grant fund. These streams will merge to form a funding block to be dispersed by the HSCP for the works to be carried out.

- 6.22 The primary aim of Lomond and Clyde Care and Repair is to offer a property based service to assist elderly and disabled owner occupiers and those in the private rented sector with repairs, improvements and disabled adaptations, helping them to remain in the comfort, safety and security of their own homes and includes:
 - Advice and assistance (including technical advice) on necessary repairs, building alterations, suitable contractors and consultants.
 - Advice and assistance on funding options including local authority grants for repairs, improvements or disabled adaptations.
 - Support to clients throughout the process of building repairs/alterations.
 - Advocacy in providing choices to clients in relation to re-housing options and other services such as social work.
- 6.23 The need and demand for such services as provided by Lomond and Clyde Care and Repair has increased steadily over the years; and is anticipated to continue to increase due to the ageing population demographic.
 - Seek to develop supported housing solutions for younger adults with complex needs
- 6.24 Within West Dunbartonshire, the Action for Children Preparation for Life project is the only housing support project specifically designed to provide accommodation for young people under the age of 21 years. However, this project is not always suitable for younger adults with complex needs.
- 6.25 It has been identified that there is an gap in service provision given that it is not considered appropriate to place young vulnerable adults in supported projects designed to cater for older adults who may themselves have well established complex needs. The Homelessness section is keen to develop more appropriate housing solutions for this particular client group but successful outcomes rely on very close partnership working between the Council's Housing Section and the designated support providers. Discussions are on-going and will continue to determine how best to utilise the existing accommodation options more effectively (e.g. the provision of temporary furnished accommodation with appropriate 24 hour support packages).

7. RESOURCES AND INVESTMENT

7.1 The table below shows the budget for housing related functions have been delegated by the Council to the Partnership Board:

Budget				
Housing Services - Delegated Functions				
	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	
Commissioned Housing Support	£5,020,076	£4,938,492	£4,895,172	
Housing Adaptations General Fund	£350,000	£250,000	£100,000 est	
Housing Adaptations HRA	£777,000	£656,000	£450,000	

Garden	£500,000	£530,000	£530,000 est
Maintenance			
Total	£6,647,076	£6,374,492	£5,975,172 est

7.2 In addition to the above noted budgets, the Scottish Government provides grant funding to housing associations to carry aids and adaptations through its Stage 3 Adaptations source. Individual RSLs currently submit annual bids directly to the Scottish Government for funding from this budget.

8. MONITORING AND REVIEW

8.1 Actions on the key issues contained in this Housing Contribution Statement will be reflected within and subject to scrutiny through both the Council's performance reporting arrangement in respect of the Local Housing Strategy, particularly at the LHS Annual Review; and the Partnership Board's performance reporting arrangements in respect of its Strategic Plan. These will be updated once the new Local Housing Strategy is approved by the Council, endorsed by the Partnership Board and submitted to the Scottish Government in November 2016.