



REPORT TO: ECONOMIC GROWTH, HOUSING & ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE ON 13 APRIL 2021

SUBJECT: INFORMATION REPORT: LIST OF PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS CONCLUDED UNDER DELEGATED POWERS

BY: DEPUTE CHIEF EXECUTIVE (ECONOMY, ENVIRONMENT & FINANCE)

1. REASON FOR REPORT

- 1.1 To inform the Committee of property transactions which have been dealt with under delegated powers.
- 1.2 This report is submitted to the Economic Growth, Housing and Environmental Sustainability Committee following a decision of Moray Council on 17 June 2020 to agree a simplified committee structure as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. In the case of this committee the combining of the delegated responsibilities of Economic Development and Infrastructure, Community Services (Housing and Property) and Finance (budget, capital and revenue monitoring) (para 9 of the minute refers).

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 In terms of the Council's Scheme of Delegation, the Head of Housing and Property has delegated authority to approve the sale of Council property where the purchase price does not exceed £20,000, subject to liaison with appropriate officials of the Council, and the ward members.
- 2.2 In terms of the Council's Scheme of Delegation, the Head of Housing and Property has delegated authority to conduct rent reviews and fix new rents.
- 2.3 In terms of the Council's Scheme of Delegation, the Head of Housing and Property has delegated authority to grant leases, licenses or other occupation agreements of land and buildings for 25 years or less duration where the initial rent does not exceed £35,000 per annum and sites on long term building leases of up to 125 years duration where the initial rent does not exceed £35,000 per annum.
- 2.4 In terms of the Council's Scheme of Delegation, the Head of Housing and Property has delegated authority to settle compensation claims to a maximum of £100,000 arising from the Flood Prevention legislation or in terms of the Land Compensation (Scotland) Acts 1963 and 1973 in respect of compensation for losses arising from the compulsory acquisition by the Council of heritable property or acquisition by agreement with compulsory

powers in the background, provided always that payments can be accommodated within approved budgets for the scheme or project.

3. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

(a) Corporate Plan and 10 Year Plan (Local Outcomes Improvement Plan (LOIP))

The proposals support the aim of delivering financial stability.

(b) Policy and Legal

None.

(c) Financial Implications

The transactions detailed in **APPENDICES I, II and III** will generate an income to the Council.

The Council will be liable to make payment of the monies detailed in **APPENDIX IV** from the Cycling, Walking & Safer Streets budget.

(d) Risk Implications

None.

(e) Staffing Implications

None.

(f) Property

None.

(g) Equalities/Socio Economic Impact

None.

(h) Consultations

None.

4. CONCLUSION

4.1 It is recommended that the Committee notes the 1 sale of ground, 15 rent reviews, 5 leases and 1 road acquisition as set out in APPENDICES I, II, III and IV.

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Background Papers:

Ref: SB/JB