

## Development Funding Grant Offer - Delegated Authority

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### Finance and Resources Committee

31 July 2012

#### Purpose of report

- 1 To advise that the Council has received a £24.094m offer of grant funding for the development of new supply affordable homes in Edinburgh in 2012/13.
- 2 To delegate authority to the Director of Services for Communities (SfC) to accept the Development Funding Grant Offer for 2012/13 from Scottish Government.
- 3 To note that the Director of Corporate Governance is currently leading a review of the Scheme of Delegation, which will consider the issue of authority to accept grant offers.

#### Main report

- 4 It is anticipated that the Council will receive a Development Funding Grant Offer of £24.094m from Scottish Government to support the delivery of new supply affordable homes in the city, through the Affordable Housing Supply Programme (AHSP).
- 5 Approval is sought for the Director of SfC to accept the grant offer of £24.094m for 2012/13 and any future Development Funding Grant Offers.
- 6 Delegated authority arrangements are, however, in place for the Council to make offers of this grant to RSLs. The arrangements mean that any offer of grant over £3m must be submitted to Scottish Government for approval. Internal Audit has subsequently confirmed that the delegation process for offering grant and making payments to RSLs is established and acceptable.

#### Financial Implications

- 7 A failure or delay in accepting the grant will impact on the delivery of affordable homes in the city. The £24.094m grant must be spent in full in 2012/13. It is not possible to carry forward unspent funding into future years. Acceptance of the grant offer will enable the Council to commit funding to projects and spend the grant.

## Equalities Impact

- 8 All new planning consents for affordable housing will be based on 2010 Building Regulations and provide increased standards in terms of accessibility. This means that new affordable housing is suitable for people with a range of housing needs.
- 9 Consideration has been given to the relevance of the Equalities Act 2010. A pre-assessment has been carried out in relation to this report and has determined that a full Equalities Impact Assessment is not required.

## Environmental Impact

- 10 The environmental impact arising from the building of affordable housing will be assessed and addressed through the City Housing Strategy and Planning process.

## Recommendations

- 11 It is recommended that Finance and Resources Committee:
- a) agrees to delegate authority to the Director of Services for Communities, to accept the Development Funding Grant Offers for 2012/13 from Scottish Government; and
  - b) notes that delegated authority in relation to grant offers will be considered during the ongoing review of the Council's Scheme of Delegation.

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Appendices            None

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Wards affected        All

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Single Outcome Agreement

National Outcome 7 - We have tackled the significant inequalities in Scottish society.

National Outcome 9 - We live our lives safe from crime, disorder and danger.

National Outcome 10 - We live in well-designed, sustainable places where we are able to access the amenities and services we need.

National Outcome 11 - We have strong, resilient and supportive communities where people take responsibility for their own actions and how they affect others.

National Outcome 12 - We value and enjoy our built and natural environment and protect it and enhance it for future generations.

Background Papers

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