

EAST RENFREWSHIRE COUNCIL

CABINET

26 January 2017

Report by Director of Environment

LEASE FOR CONNOR ROAD SUPPORTED ACCOMMODATION

**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1. This report seeks the Cabinet's approval for a new lease for Connor Road Supported Accommodation with Barrhead Housing Association.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

2. The Cabinet is asked to agree to a new lease of the 12 properties at 19 Connor Road, Barrhead on the terms proposed or with such minor amendments as may be agreed by the Director of Environment in consultation with the Chief Officer (Legal and Procurement).

**BACKGROUND**

3. In December 2005 the Cabinet agreed to establish a 24 hour supported accommodation project for young people aged 16 to 24 at Connor Road in Barrhead in partnership with Barrhead Housing Association.

4. Council land was transferred to Barrhead Housing Association at nil consideration to enable the construction of 12 flats, one of which was to be used as a staff base.

5. The flats were completed in December 2008 and then leased to the Council's Housing Services who in turn recruited staff to manage the project and provide housing support to the vulnerable young people who would occupy the flats.

6. Barrhead Housing Association have advised that the latest three year lease for Connor Road is now overdue for renewal.

**REPORT**

7. The terms of the proposed 3 year lease are identical to those in the previous lease in all respects except the rental figure which is increased annually in line with Barrhead Housing Association's rent policy.

8. The previous lease which ran until August 2015 is continuing by tacit relocation from year to year.

9. The Council's Scheme of Administration requires Cabinet approval for the terms of any new lease with the Association.

## **FINANCE AND EFFICIENCY**

10. The rental costs for the properties can be met from existing budgets.

## **CONSULTATION**

11. Consultation has been undertaken with Legal Services.

## **PARTNERSHIP WORKING**

12. The Connor Road project continues to operate as a successful partnership arrangement between the Council and Barrhead Housing Association.

## **IMPLICATIONS OF THE PROPOSALS**

13. There are no implications associated with extending the lease in terms of staffing, property, IT, equalities or sustainability. The legal implications have been explored with Legal Services.

## **CONCLUSIONS**

14. The current leasing arrangement with Barrhead Housing Association for Connor Road operates successfully and there have been no issues to date in respect of either party to the lease meeting their obligations. It is considered appropriate to agree Barrhead Housing Association's request for a new three year lease to be signed.

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