

Secretary's Report - November 2017

1. The following matters are for **discussion/approval**

Local Fire and Rescue Plan Consultation

Local Fire and Rescue Plan for West Lothian <https://firescotland.citizenspace.com/planning-and-performance/west-lothian-draft-local-fire-plan> The consultation period will conclude on 22nd December 2017. Provide feedback through the online feedback form <https://firescotland.citizenspace.com/planning-and-performance/west-lothian-draft-local-fire-plan/consultation/subpage.2016-12-13.6870718941>

Council House Rent Consultation 2017

Tenants are invited to complete the rent consultation survey before 8th December at <https://www.westlothian.gov.uk/rentconsultation2017> Drop in sessions are available at Bathgate, Whitburn, Broxburn and Livingston. One key question is do you agree the council should continue to add to the supply of, and build new council houses, even if this means increase to rent? Which begs the questions is this matter for all to consider and why should building more council housing result in an increase in rent for existing tenants?

CSGN Development Fund 2018/19

The 2018-19 round of the Central Scotland Green Network (CSGN) Development Fund will offer investment to projects promoting active travel, woodland planting, community growing and restoring land. Closing date 5th February 2018. See CSGN website

2. The following matters are for **information only**.

Low emissions zones consultation

Transport Scotland have launched the Scottish Government's Building Scotland's Low Emission Zones consultation. The consultation is available here <https://consult.scotland.gov.uk/transport-scotland/building-scotlands-low-emission-zones/> and closes 28th November 2017

Town Charrette

Scottish Government has launched a new Making Places funding. This initiative has grown from the previous Scottish Government Charrette grant scheme. An application for funding has been made and we are awaiting a decision.

Tesco Bags of help

Tesco are looking to fund local projects requiring up to £4000.00 of funding.

John Kelly, Secretary
23rd November 2017