Appointments to Housing to 2040 Strategic Board

A strategic board to lead progress towards the delivery of Scotland's 20-year housing plan will meet for the first time today (Wednesday 22 March).

The Housing to 2040 Strategic Board, which includes representatives from housing providers, landlords, housing developers and tenant organisations, will meet every six months.

The board will be co-chaired by Housing Secretary Shona Robison and COSLA's Community Wellbeing Spokesperson, Councillor Maureen Chalmers.

Ms Robison said:

"The actions in Housing to 2040 set out how we will deliver on our vision for a Scotland where homes are warm, safe and affordable for everyone, standards are the same across all tenures, people have access to green space and essential services, and where child poverty, fuel poverty and homelessness have been eradicated.

"I'm grateful to the representatives who are joining the strategic board, which will oversee the delivery of Housing to 2040 and work together to progress towards the vision set out in the strategy."

Councillor Chalmers said:

"The Housing to 2040 strategy sets the context for housing across all of Scotland's local communities. Therefore, it is of great value that the new Strategic Board's membership has a range of housing stakeholders to provide oversight, as well as to help provide advice on navigating challenges to progress our shared housing aims."

Background

<u>Housing to 2040</u> is Scotland's long-term strategy for housing. It was developed following extensive engagement with the housing sector, wider stakeholders and the public, and sets out a vision for what we want Scotland's homes and communities to look like by the end of 2040.

Strategic board membership:

- Shona Robison, Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Housing and Local Government (Co-Chair)
- Councillor Maureen Chalmers, COSLA Spokesperson for Community Wellbeing (Co-Chair)
- Patrick Harvie, Minister for Zero Carbon Buildings, Active Travel and Tenants' Rights
- Michael Cameron, Chief Executive, Scottish Housing Regulator
- Sally Thomas, Chief Executive, Scottish Federation of Housing Associations
- John Mills, Co-Chair, Association of Local Authority Chief Housing Officers
- Jane Wood, Chief Executive, Homes for Scotland
- John Blackwood, Chief Executive, Scottish Association of Landlords
- Colin Stewart, Chair, North of Scotland Regional Network
- Callum Chomczuk, National Director (Scotland), Chartered Institute of Housing
- Chris Birt, Associate Director for Scotland, Joseph Rowntree Foundation
- Sean Neill, Director Local Government, Housing and Planning, Scottish Government