

Participatory Budgeting – Update for Area Committee			
<b>Service Area</b>	Housing Investment Programme (HIP) Environmental Programme	<b>Lead Officer</b>	Cameron Mitchell Jonathan Read
<b>Stage 1 : Pre Consultation :</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What are we asking the public for their view on (what service is it / description etc)?</li> <li>• How much funding are we asking about?</li> <li>• Who are we asking,</li> <li>• How are we doing this?</li> <li>• When are we doing this?</li> <li>• When will we report back?</li> </ul>			
<b>Barncluith Sheltered Housing Complex</b> Engagement with tenants on the overall Housing Revenue Account budget for the 2021/2022 period, and the proposed level and focus of the Housing Investment Programme (HIP) within this, took place as part of the Annual Resource 2021/2022 budgetary consultation process. The environmental aspect of the HIP (the 'Environmental Programme') is a significant budget area that covers a wide range of projects that seek to improve the quality and energy efficiency of the Council's domestic housing stock.  Examples of projects within this budget area can include replacement doors and windows within properties or redevelopment of communal areas in multi-storey buildings or sheltered housing facilities. Not all projects included within this budget area are suitable for inclusion of a participatory budgeting approach, however, for those that are officers will ensure the required element of choice and voting opportunities are offered to customers and appropriately recorded.  To date, one Participatory Budgeting (PB) project has been completed within the Hamilton area from within this budget. As part of an internal upgrade programme, residents at Barncluith Sheltered Housing Complex were offered the opportunity to determine a range of finishes such as flooring, tiles and wall coverings with an initial meeting held to explain the process. Officers prepared 'mood boards' with the relevant styles on them and completed door visits or sent letters to all households within the complex asking them to select their preferred option.			
<b>Stage 2 : Post Consultation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The outcome of the PB activity</li> <li>• What happens next?</li> <li>• Further reporting requirements (eg required Committee approval)</li> </ul>			
<b>Barncluith Sheltered Housing Complex</b> A total of 20 households took part in the exercise, with 61% selecting the preferred option. The project cost a total of £100,180, however, some of the costs were attributed to background works such as re-wiring where tenants were not able to determine the outcome.  Officers from Housing and Technical Resources will continue to take forward opportunities within Hamilton to ensure tenants and other customers have the opportunity to determine the outcome of budgets within the Environmental Programme and Community Safety Partnership Commissioning Budget, with further updates provided to Committee at a later date.			