

To: HOUSING AND SOCIAL WORK SERVICES COMMITTEE		Subject: PETITION FROM RESIDENTS OF LAMLASH PLACE MOTHERWELL REGARDING THE LETTING OF A PROPERTY
From: HEAD OF HOUSING SERVICES		
Date: 21 OCTOBER 2009	Ref: MP/DD	

1. Purpose of Report / Introduction

The purpose of this report is to advise committee of a petition received from residents of a block in Lamlash Place Motherwell objecting to the letting of a house in the block to a particular applicant.

2. Background

- 2.1 Motherwell Housing Office received the petition signed by 11 out of the 13 current residents in a specific block objecting to a particular person being allocated a house in Lamlash Place Motherwell on the basis that the person was involved in the illegal supply of drugs.
- 2.2 In accordance with the Council's lettings policy and procedures a number of applicants have been considered for the tenancy of this house following the completion of background reports and no one with the background as suggested by the petition has been formally offered the property.
- 2.3 At present the house is still in the process of being re-let to a suitable applicant under lettings policy guidelines.

3. Proposals / Considerations

- 3.1 As there have been no reasons to withhold offers following completion of background checks the lettings process is continuing in accordance with the Council's policy and procedures.
- 3.2 A letter explaining the procedures followed by the Council in letting this house has been sent to the petitioners.
- 3.3 No further comments or complaints have been received from the petitioners.

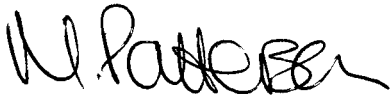
4. Financial / Personnel / Legal / Policy / Equalities Implications

- 4.1 There are no financial, personnel, policy or equality implications involved in the response to this petition.

5. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Committee:

- (i) notes the action taken in relation to this petition.



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