

3 NATIONAL HOUSING TRUST INITIATIVE (AN50-2013)

The National Housing Trust (NHT) is an innovative approach to increase the numbers of affordable houses for rent and boost the construction sector. The scheme involves the Scottish Futures Trust, the Council and private developers working together under a limited liability partnership to provide properties for intermediate rent. The Council provides prudential borrowing from the General Fund of up to 70% to finance the developments on completion, this prudential borrowing is covered by a Scottish Government guarantee.

Dundee City Council has participated in the previous rounds of NHT resulting in approval for 15 units at East Links Place and 99 units at Wallace Craigie Works at a total cost of £15.6M backed by £11.3M prudential borrowing by Dundee City Council.

The Scottish Futures Trust is now seeking interest from Councils in promoting a further round of NHT with procurement under the OJEU process commencing from May 2013.

The Director of Corporate Services has agreed that schemes providing up to 40 units requiring General Fund prudential borrowing of up to £2.800 M. may be considered in this round.

Committee is requested to endorse the Council's continuing participation in the NHT.