

QUESTION NO 6

By Councillor Caldwell for answer by the Convener of the Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee at a meeting of the Council on 22 September 2022

In 2018, the Housing and Economy Committee approved the Mixed Tenure Strategy which included Acquisitions & Disposals.

In September 2021, the Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee approved the expansion of the Acquisitions and Disposals purchase criteria to include the purchase of homes in blocks where the Council owns 50% or more to increase the pool of homes that could be purchased to help address homelessness pressures.

This is reported on annually and most recently in July 2022.

Question (1) Of the total number of Disposals since the scheme began, how many Disposed flats are ground floor accessible properties and as such, are of high importance to ensure the Council's housing stock is accessible to people with physical disabilities?

Answer (1)

Question (2) How many Disposed flats were in stairwells or high-rise blocks with lifts?

Answer (2)

Question (3) How many Acquisitions since the scheme begun are ground floor flats, or otherwise accessible without the need for a lift or stairs?

Answer (3)

Question (4) Does the Convener agree with me that ground floor Council flats are of strategic importance in communities of high tenement density, such as Leith, Southside, Dalry and Stockbridge, where the stock of semi-detached properties is severely limited?

Answer (4)

