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Councillors have approved a building development in Deanburn, after a previous plan for a site near West Calder was dropped.

Local Housing officer manager Phyllis McFadyen told the town's local area committee that the plan for a site at Mossend would be replaced by 15 units at Deanburn in Linlithgow and 5 units at sites in Livingston.

She added: "The proposed new-build is always welcome. It will be a great addition when that gets up and running."

Councillor Pauline Orr said: "It's really positive to see that we're going to have 15 new builds in the Deanburn area which I think is really good news to hear. I wasn't expecting that. Do we have an idea when they will become available to let?"

The committee's lead officer Graeme Struthers said the completion date would be in 2025 or 2026.

Councillor Sally Pattle said "I'm sorry that Mossend is not going ahead but for Linlithgow it's fantastic. It's really good news. It's a really good news story because of all the pressures there are on social housing in the ward.

"It's just a change of plan. It's really good that nothing has been lost."

A report to the council Housing Services Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel this month said: "Negotiations have

progressed with Cala Homes for the direct purchase of the completed affordable housing units at the Deanburn development in Linlithgow, which will provide much needed council houses in an area of high demand.

“The mix is reflective of demand with some amenity bungalows incorporated into the development. It is estimated work will start on site in January 2025, with completions in 2026.”

The same meeting heard that the Mossend site had been removed from the current building programme. The developer said the site may still proceed, it is unlikely to meet current programmed completion dates.

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