

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

GOVERNANCE AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - 24 SEPTEMBER 2010

MATTERS ARISING UPDATE REPORT

Report by Executive Director of Finance and Corporate Support

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide the Committee with a consolidated response to information requests made by Members at previous meetings.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 As Members are aware, during the course of discussions at meetings of the Governance and Scrutiny Committee, Members, from time to time, seek information or clarification from Officers on particular matters which requires to be provided after the meeting. Such requests arise from, and reflect, the role of the Committee in respect of its scrutiny function.
- 2.2 The Committee at its meeting held on 3 April 2009 agreed that, in future, a report be submitted to the Committee to consolidate all responses to information requests made by Members of the Committee at previous meetings or, otherwise, provide an explanation as to why the relevant information is not yet available. This approach will formalise the various matters arising into report format thereby facilitating presentation of the information to Members and recording of the origin and progress of the issues raised.

3. UPDATE ON MATTERS ARISING

- 3.1 The outstanding matter arising from the last meeting of the Committee is as follows, namely:-

Information Requested: The reasons for tenants giving up their tenancy, who were in rent arrears, as referred to in Indicator 59 (Housing and Homelessness) Tenant Arrears.

Response by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services:- A total of 1,137 tenants gave up their tenancies in 2009/10 of which 685 tenants gave up their tenancy in arrears. From the analysis of the statistics the following reasons were given for tenants giving up their tenancies (see table below)

Reason for termination	Number	Percentage
Ordinary Termination (left giving notice)	391	57.1%
Absconded (left without giving notice)	104	15.2%
Death	80	11.7%

Evicted	64	9.3%
Moved to a Nursing Home / Hospital	25	3.6%
Evicted Short Secure Tenancy Conversion	12	1.8%
Transferred to a Housing Association Property	9	1.3%
Total	685	100%

4. FINANCIAL/LEGAL/POLICY/COMMUNITY PLANNING/RISK IMPLICATIONS
- None arising directly from this report.

5. RECOMMENDATION

5.1 The Committee is asked to note the information provided in response to the matter arising as set out in this report.

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS - NIL

Any person wishing further information on this report should contact Bill Walkinshaw, Head of Democratic Services on Telephone Number (01563) 576135.

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