

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**  
**GOVERNANCE & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE -**  
**23 SEPTEMBER 2011**  
**CONCLUDED PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS**

**Report by the Executive Director of Finance and Corporate Support**

**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1** The purpose of this report is to provide, for information, details of disposals and acquisitions by the Council of land or buildings which have been concluded during the eighteen month period from 1 October 2009 to 31 March 2011 with the exception of Council Houses sold in terms of the Right to Buy Legislation.

**2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1** Decisions to declare land or buildings surplus to requirements for the purpose of disposal can be made either by officer delegation, where the value of the asset is below an agreed threshold, or by Cabinet. Similarly finalised decisions on the terms and conditions of disposals, internal transfers or acquisitions are made either by officer delegation where the value of the asset is below an agreed threshold subject to budgetary availability in respect of acquisitions or alternatively where the value of the asset is above an agreed threshold by Cabinet. Disposals can either be by negotiation where there are special circumstances to justify this or as a result of a marketing exercise. All acquisitions are in support of previously agreed Council objectives
- 2.2** A bi-annual report was previously submitted to this Committee detailing respectively the disposals and acquisitions which had been concluded with the last such report having been submitted on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2009 in respect of the period from 1<sup>st</sup> April to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2009. Due to the economic downturn and the reduction in the number and value of disposals it is considered more relevant to submit reports on an annual basis to coincide with the financial year end .To bring elected members up to date in the period since the last report this report accordingly covers the financial year 2010/2011 and the period 1<sup>st</sup> October 2009 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2010.
- 2.3** Details of the disposals and acquisitions concluded by the Council within this period are as shown on Appendix 1 to this report .For ease of reference the disposals and acquisitions identified have been sub -divided into those which relate to the General Fund and those which relate to the Housing Account and have been further sub-divided into land and buildings. Where a property has been marketed prior to disposal this has also been separately identified. In respect of acquisitions the specific development proposal has also been identified. Where there have been multiple acquisitions of small areas of land

such as at Church Lane, Galston the overall acquisition price has been reported.

**3. FINANCIAL /LEGAL/POLICY/COMMUNITY PLANNING IMPLICATIONS**

**3.1** None arising directly from this Report.

**4. RECOMMENDATION**

**4.1** The Committee is asked to note the report and Appendix 1 thereof.

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9<sup>th</sup> September, 2011

**LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

**Nil**

Any person wishing further information about the contents of this report or further details about any of the reported transactions please contact Sam McVie on Tel No (01563) 503477 or Anna Gallagher on Tel No (01563) 576170

## **APPENDIX 1**

### **ACQUISITIONS AND DISPOSALS 1 OCTOBER 2009 TO 31 MARCH 2011**

#### **DISPOSALS**

##### **GENERAL SERVICES**

###### **LAND**

Land at Galston Road, Hurlford	120.00
Land at Glencairn Industrial Estate, Kilmarnock	6,500.00

###### **BUILDINGS**

Former Galston Primary Infant Building *	70,000.00
Unit 5 Glaisnock Shopping Centre, Cumnock	58,000.00
Former Hillbank Nursery School, Kilmarnock *	63,000.00

##### **HOUSING**

###### **LAND**

Land at 89 West Main Street, Darvel	6,600.00
Land at 50 Fulton Place, Dalrymple	850.00
Land at 139 Brewland Street, Galston	1,295.00
Land at 41 Loanhill Avenue, Mauchline	265.00
Land at Robertson Avenue, Cumnock **	1,700.00
Land at 40, 42 & 44 Glaisnock Road	3,300.00
Land at 3 Galleon Walk, Kilmarnock	200.00
Land at Standalane, Stewarton	5,000.00
Land at John Allan Drive, Cumnock	2,800.00

###### **BUILDINGS**

114-120 Dalharco Avenue, Patna *	51,550.00
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\* Marketed Disposal

\*\* Restricted Marketed Disposal

## **ACQUISITIONS**

### **GENERAL SERVICES**

#### **LAND**

Land for road alignment A70 Coalhall***	500.00
Land at Greenholm Road, Cumnock *	325,000.00
3 areas of land at north of Greenholm Road, Cumnock*	57,000.00
3 areas of land at Church Lane Galston **	21,750.00
Land at Cross Street, Galston **	23,489.40
Land at Bridge Street, Galston **	54,301.16
Land for road realignment A70, Ochiltree ***	1,700.00
Land for road realignment A70, Muirkirk ***	3,858.69
Land at Queen's Drive, Kilmarnock ****	140,000.00

#### **BUILDINGS**

Offices 17/19, Hill Street, Kilmarnock *****	1,100,000.00
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- \* Cumnock Town Centre Regeneration
- \*\* Galston Town Centre Regeneration
- \*\*\* Roads Re-Alignment Capital Projects
- \*\*\*\* Kilmarnock Athletics Facility
- \*\*\*\*\* Corporate Office Accommodation Strategy

### **HOUSING**

#### **BUILDINGS**

53 Greenbraes Drive ,New Cumnock *	63,000.00
Lockup stores at Central Avenue, Kilmarnock *	20,000.00

- \* Demolition Projects in support of Housing Development