

## **EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

### **COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE – 10 NOVEMBER 2004**

#### **DALRICKET MILL LANDFILL SITE, BY NEW CUMNOCK**

##### **Report by Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services.**

### **1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To request Committee authority to declare surplus the Dalricket Mill Landfill Site, by New Cumnock as shown on the attached plan.

### **2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 The site which extends to approximately 6 hectares was formerly operated as an unlicensed landfill site by Cumnock and Doon Valley District Council between 1984 and 1996 for the disposal of domestic waste.
- 2.2 The site is currently unused following restoration to grassed open land, however, it should be noted the Council has an outstanding obligation under the planning permission to restore the site to agricultural use.
- 2.3 An Environmental Risk Assessment has been carried out and the cost of returning the site to agricultural use has been estimated to be up to £2,000,000.

### **3. PRESENT POSITION**

- 3.1 The Council has received interest from an adjacent landowner who wishes to purchase this site for coal extraction. This party would be in a position to undertake the necessary site restoration works following completion of the coal extraction.

### **4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 The disposal of this site would not only provide a capital receipt for the General Services Capital Account but relieve the Council of very costly site remediation works and other liabilities.

### **5. LEGAL/POLICY IMPLICATIONS – Nil**

### **6. RECOMMENDATIONS.**

- 6.1 It is recommended that Committee: -
- a) Agree to declare the Dalricket Mill Landfill Site, by New Cumnock surplus to requirements; and
  - b) Refer the matter to the Executive Director of Development and Property Services for disposal.

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### **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

**Nil**

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