

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL****HOUSING COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 21 APRIL 2004  
AT 1000 HRS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS,  
LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Jimmy Kelly, Stephanie Young, Willie Coffey, Douglas Reid, Gordon Cree, John Weir, Drew McIntyre, Isabella Macrae, John Campbell, John Knapp, Stuart Finlayson, George Smith, Tommy Farrell, Neil McGhee, Eric Ross and Elaine Stewart.

**ATTENDING:** William Stafford, Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services; Chris McAleavey, Head of Housing; John Walker, Head of Building and Works; David McLellan, Financial Services Manager; Joe Cassidy, Policy Manager; Alan Paterson, Principal Quantity Surveyor; David Morgan, Public Relations Officer; Anna Gallagher, Solicitor/Team Leader; and Stuart Nelson, Administrative Officer.

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors Maureen McKay, Daniel Coffey, Jim Raymond, Eric Jackson and William Menzies.

**CHAIR:** Councillor Jimmy Kelly, Chair.

**EAST AYRSHIRE LOCAL HOUSING STRATEGY 2004-2009**

1. There was submitted a report dated 8 April 2004 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services which sought authority to submit the East Ayrshire Local Housing Strategy 2004-2009 to Communities Scotland on behalf of the Scottish Executive prior to 30 April 2004.

It was agreed:

- (i) to approve the East Ayrshire Local Housing Strategy 2004-2009, as appended to the report, subject to deletion, on page 40 under "Planned Actions" and on page 75 under "Actions", relative to "Increased household satisfaction", of the words "to inform consideration of stock transfer";
- (ii) to authorise, subject to the amendments indicated in (i) above, the Executive Head of Housing to submit the East Ayrshire Local Housing Strategy 2004-2009 to Communities Scotland, on behalf of the Scottish Ministers, prior to 30 April 2004; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the terms of the report.

Councillor Reid joined the meeting during consideration, but prior to determination, of the preceding item.

**PROPOSED HOUSING IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME 2004/05**

2. There was submitted a report dated 13 April 2004 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services which informed of the anticipated financial allocation for 2004/05; and advised of the actions required to direct the Improvements Programme towards the objectives of the Scottish Housing Quality Standard (SHQS).

It was agreed:

- (i) to approve the proposals for the 2004/05 Housing Improvement Programme as detailed in the report;
- (ii) to note that details of properties to be included in the Programme would be circulated to Elected Members in respect of their own ward interests; and
- (iii) to note that regular reports on progress in delivering the Programme would be submitted to this Committee during the 2004/05 financial year.

Councillor Reid left the meeting during consideration, but prior to determination, of the preceding item.

The meeting terminated at 1110 hrs.