

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**EMERGENCY POWERS COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 13 JANUARY 2005 AT 0930 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors Drew McIntyre, Brian Reeves, Daniel Coffey, John Knapp and Elaine Dinwoodie.

ATTENDING: Fiona Lees, Chief Executive; Elizabeth Morton, Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support; David Mitchell, Head of Administrative and Legal Services; Robert Paton, Head of Economic Development and Property; Alan Paterson, Principal Quantity Surveyor; and Julie Armstrong, Assistant Administration Manager.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Douglas Reid and Jimmy Kelly.

CHAIR: Councillor Drew McIntyre, Chair.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

1. The Committee resolved that under Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, as amended, the Press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the Paragraphs of Schedule 7A of the Act as shown against each item.

**ROSS COURT RESIDENTIAL CARE HOME, GALSTON (PARA 8)
(Item 10, Page 1078, 03/07)**

2. There was submitted a joint report dated 7 January 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Development and Property Services and the Head of Administrative and Legal Services which advised Members of (i) the inability of the appointed Contractor to carry out the refurbishment works at Ross Court; and (ii) of the interim measures taken to secure the site and to make proposals for a suitable replacement Contractor to carry out the refurbishment works at Ross Court.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to authorise the negotiation of a contract to carry out the balance of the refurbishment works at Ross Court, Galston, with Fullwood Holdings Limited; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

STODDARD INTERNATIONAL PLC (IN RECEIVERSHIP) (PARA 6)

3. There was submitted a report dated 12 January 2005 (circulated) by the Chief Executive which asked the Committee to note (i) the position in relation to Stoddard International PLC (in Receivership); and (ii) the action taken by the Chief Executive under powers delegated to her under the Council's Scheme of Delegation in the event of an emergency.

It was agreed to note:-

- (i) the decision taken by the Chief Executive under powers delegated to her within the Council's Scheme of Delegation to Officers given the emergency nature of the situation and following consultation with the Leader of the Council, the Depute Leader of the Council and the Chair of the Development Services Committee; and
- (ii) that the matter would be reported to the next meeting of the Development Services Committee on 19 January 2005 being the relevant Service Committee in terms of the Scheme of Delegation.

The meeting terminated at 0946 hours.