

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE – 24 AUGUST 2004

SURPLUS PROPERTY – LAND AT GARDEN STREET, GALSTON

Report by Executive Director of Development and Property Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1** To request Committee to declare the subjects comprising an area of land extending to 1,352 square metres (0.33 acres) or thereby at Garden Street, Galston, identified on the plan attached, surplus to requirements for the purpose of disposal for potential development and authorise the Executive Director of Development and Property Services to market the subjects in accordance with Council procedures..

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1** In 1967, the former Burgh of Galston acquired from British Railways Board the former Galston goods yard and part of the disused branch railway line from Strathaven to Kilmarnock, of which the subjects at Garden Street form part.
- 2.2** The subjects comprise an open unmaintained area situated adjacent to disused tennis courts owned by Galston Bowling Club. The subjects are also used by Galston Bowling Club to obtain vehicular access to the rear of the Clubhouse.
- 2.3** The subjects are held on the Development Services Account and, accordingly, any decision to declare the ground surplus to requirements requires the authority of this Committee.

3. PRESENT POSITION

- 3.1** Discussions have taken place with representatives of Galston Bowling Club about the possibility of combining the land owned by the Bowling Club comprising the disused tennis courts, with the land owned by the Council, to create a potential residential development site. This proposal is acceptable to Galston Bowling Club, subject to the club retaining a right of vehicular access as referred to within paragraph 2.2.
- 3.2** The Head of Planning, Development and Building Standards has indicated that the subjects are not identified or safeguarded for any particular development purposes in the East Ayrshire Local Plan and the subjects lie within a predominantly residential area.
- 3.3** The local Member has been consulted and is supportive of this proposal.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 If the subjects are declared surplus to requirements and subsequently sold, a Capital Receipt will be generated, which will be credited to the General Services Account.

5. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 It is normal council policy to advertise buildings and land for sale on the open market unless there are special reasons to do otherwise.

6. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 There are no legal implications associated with this land in respect of declaring the land surplus to requirements.

7. RECOMMENDATION

- 7.1 It is recommended that the Committee:-

- (i) declare the subjects extending to 1,352 square metres (0.33 acres) or thereby comprising part of the former railway solum at Garden Street, Galston surplus to requirements; and
- (ii) remit to the Executive Director of Development and Property Services to market the subjects in accordance with agreed Council procedures.

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20 July 2004

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Nil

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