

## **EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

### **DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE – 11 OCTOBER 2006**

#### **USE OF DEPARTMENTAL SURPLUSES**

##### **Report by the Executive Director of Development and Property Services**

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

**1.1** The purpose of the report is to request the committee to authorise the Executive Director of Development and Property Services to reallocate £80,000 from Departmental surpluses to create:-

- 1) Residents parking at Springhill Place, Kilmarnock
- 2) Parking at Grougar Road, Crookedholm

### **2. BACKGROUND**

#### **2.1. SPRINGHILL PLACE, KILMARNOCK**

**2.1.1** The Roads Division has repeatedly received requests from the elected member and residents for additional parking at Springhill Place, Kilmarnock.

**2.1.2** The road system in this cul-de-sac is extremely narrow and parked cars often cause congestion and make it difficult for the emergency services and care services to access the homes of many of the elderly residents living there.

**2.1.3** There are also many residences which have no vehicular access, only footpath access to their houses. This requires elderly and disabled residents to walk a distance to their front doors.

**2.1.4** As this area is in close proximity to Rugby Park, the parking problem is made worse on match days.

#### **2.2 CROOKEDHOLM, KILMARNOCK**

**2.2.1** Parking problems on Main Street Crookedholm adjacent to the Crookedholm Business Estate and adjacent to the shop in Grougar Road are a Road Safety concern that has been raised by the residents and the local elected members.

**2.2.2** Occupants of the Business Estate have also indicated that their businesses are being affected by lack of parking. They do not have land within their control around the Business Estate to create additional parking.

### **3. SOLUTION**

**3.1** A scheme has been drawn up to provide additional parking space at Springhill Place at a cost of £30,000.

**3.2** A scheme has been drawn up to provide 20 additional parking spaces at Grougar Road, Crookedholm. The costs of this scheme is £50,000.

#### **4. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 The land required for both schemes is owned by the Council and is held on the Housing Revenue Account. Both schemes comply with the provisions of section 12 of the Housing (Scotland) Act 1987 which allows the development of land held on the Housing Revenue Account for roads and open spaces. Both schemes may require Planning Permission, but will be subject to consultation with elected members and local residents.

#### **5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 The £80,000 cost of both schemes cannot currently be met from the existing departmental budget and will require to be met from departmental surpluses.

#### **6. POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 The provision of these car parks will remove congestion, aid traffic management and improve road safety at these locations and also improve accessibility at Springhill Place.

#### **7. COMMUNITY PLAN IMPLICATIONS**

- 7.1 The provision is consistent with the aims of Community Planning and will contribute to improving the environment, improving Community Safety, improving health and improving opportunities and improve accessibility.

#### **8. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 8.1 It is recommended that the Committee approve the use of £80,000 from Departmental Surpluses to provide car parking at Springhill Place, Kilmarnock and Grougar Road, Crookedholm.

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#### **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Nil

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