

# **EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

## **EDUCATION COMMITTEE – 13 SEPTEMBER 2005**

### **COMMUNITY LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT – TRANSPORT PROVISION**

#### **Report by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services**

#### **1. INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek Education Committee approval to declare surplus to requirements three mini buses operated by Community Learning and Development, and thereafter to remit the Executive Director of Development and Property to dispose of the vehicles.

#### **2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 The Community Learning and Development Service currently operate three vehicles which provide transport for community groups.
- 2.2 The age of the fleet has resulted in an increase in repair costs and the cost of hiring replacement vehicles. In 2004/05 the mini buses were unavailable for hire for 200 hours. This service has also seen a decline in the number of requests for mini bus usage.

#### **3. PROPOSALS**

- 3.1 It is proposed to declare the buses surplus to operational requirements and instruct the Executive Director of Development and Property Services to dispose of the vehicles. This will save £24,400 per annum in routine vehicle maintenance charges and fuel costs.
- 3.2 It is planned to retain £4,000 per annum for the hire of mini buses.

#### **4. LEGAL / FINANCIAL / POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 Net revenue savings of £16,400 will be achieved, although in 2005/06 only a part year element of this total will be realised.

## **5. RECOMMENDATIONS**

**5.1** It is recommended that the Education Committee:

- (i) agree to the proposals as detailed in sections 3.1 and 3.2 of this report; and
- (ii) otherwise note the contents of this report.

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### **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Nil

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