

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

HOUSING COMMITTEE – 26 JANUARY 2005

PROPOSED DEMOLITION OF LOCK UPS IN MORTON ROAD STEWARTON

Report by Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To seek authority to demolish 19 lockups Nos. 1 to 18 inclusive and 6A, situated at Morton Road, Stewarton.

2. PROPOSAL

- 2.1 There are 19 lock ups on this site of which 16 are currently vacant and only 3 occupied. A number of lock ups have suffered damage from vandals and significant investment would be required to return the lock ups to a reasonable standard for let. However, the rental income from the lock ups, even if fully occupied, would be modest when set against the improvement costs involved. It is, therefore, proposed to demolish the existing lock-ups and provide parking bays on the site to meet the local need for off-street parking in the area.

3. CONSULTATION

- 3.1 The Local Member has been consulted and has no objections to the proposal.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 If approved, the cost of the proposed works will be met from the Council's HRA funded Housing Investment Programme.

5. LEGAL AUTHORITY/ IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The Council as proprietor can demolish buildings in its ownership subject to the termination of any missives of let.
- 5.2 The existing lets in respect of those 3 occupied lockups scheduled for demolition will require to be terminated.

6. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The proposed actions supports the Community Planning themes of Improving the Environment and Improving Community Safety.

7. CONCLUSION

7.1 The proposed demolitions will improve the local environment and reduce health and safety risks to other local residents.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

8.1 The Committee is recommended to :

- (i) authorise the demolition of the 19 lockups at Morton Road, Stewarton;
- (ii) otherwise note the contents of the report.

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

Nil

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