

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE : 22 MARCH 2007

STEWARTON SOCIAL WORK OFFICE, 24 HIGH STREET, STEWARTON

Report by Executive Director of Educational and Social Services

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to request that the Committee declare surplus to requirements the property at 24 High Street, Stewarton and to make recommendations accordingly.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The property at 24 High Street, Stewarton has been used to deliver Mental Health and Home Care Services. The staff have been relocated to alternative facilities and the property is now surplus to Social Work requirements.

3. PROPOSAL

- 3.1 It is proposed to declare the property at 24 High Street, Stewarton surplus to Social Work requirements and that the property is referred to the Acting Executive Director of Development and Property Services for disposal or future re-allocation.
- 3.2 Mental Health staff have been relocated to the new North West Area Centre and service delivery has been enhanced from the co-location of Social Work and Health staff.
- 3.3 Homecare staff have been temporarily relocated to Balmoral Road, Kilmarnock but contact arrangement between Home Care Management and Personal Carers is maintained through utilising space in Hamilton Gardens Sheltered Housing. Home Care Management staff will move back to Stewarton when the new Area Centre arrangements are in place.
- 3.4 Local Elected Members have been consulted and are in agreement with this proposal.

4. POLICY AND LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There are no legal implications at this time. The title is within the Council's ownership.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Any running costs will remain with the Department of Educational and Social Services until the property is disposed of or reallocated.

6. COMMUNITY PLANNING IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Provision of an effective Community Care Infrastructure supports the Improving Health, Improving Opportunities and Eliminating Poverty themes of the Community Plan.

7. RISK IMPLICATIONS

7.1 There are no direct risks associated with this report.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

8.1 The Committee is requested to agree:

- (i) that the Social Work property at 24 High Street, Stewarton be declared surplus to the requirements of the Department of Educational and Social Services.
- (ii) that the property be referred to the Acting Executive Director of Development and Property Services for disposal or re-allocation in accordance with Council policy: and
- (iii) otherwise to note the contents of this report.

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

Nil

Members requiring further information should contact Eddie Fraser, Senior Community Care Manager (01563 554825)

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