

## EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE – 29<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2002

### AVAILABILITY OF LAIRS IN EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL CEMETERIES

#### Report by Director of Community Services

#### 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To advise the Committee of the availability of lairs in Council cemeteries and establish priorities for future developments.

#### 2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Council is responsible for twenty-two Cemeteries each with different demands on lair space. To assist the planning of future lair space and allow time for necessary land purchase and ground works to prepare land for use as a burial ground, the pre-sale of lairs is suspended where the cemetery requires extension within 5 years.

#### 3. CURRENT POSITION

- 3.1 South Area as of 28<sup>th</sup> February 2002.

Cemetery	Lairs Remaining	Average Annual Usage	Renewal Required Years
Auchinleck	350	20	17 ½
Catrine	351	18	19.5
Cumnock	°99	27	3 ¾
Dalmellington	105	17	6
Dalrymple	48	5	9 ½
Drongan	324	10	32 ¼
Mauchline	°78	15	5
Muirkirk	119 + *8	7	18
New Cumnock	°120	14	8 ½
Ochiltree	395	2	197 ½
Patna	°40	8	5
Sorn	°26	2	13
Stair	°43	2	21 ½

\* Wet Ground – Lairs only to be used in summer

° Pre-selling of lairs stopped.

### 3.2 North Area as of 28<sup>th</sup> February 2002.

Cemetery	Lairs Remaining	Average Annual Usage	Renewal Required Years
Darvel	555	7	79
Dunlop	161	5	32
Fenwick	257	7	36 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>
Galston	°105	22	4 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>
Kilmarnock	2603	72	36
Kilmaurs	130	10	13
Newmilns	934	9	103 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>
Riccarton	1173	35	33 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>
Stewarton	1243	18	69

°Pre-selling of lairs stopped.

## 4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Additional Capital investment for 2002/03 and for future years will be required to continue the purchase and extension work at the already identified cemeteries.

## 5. LEGAL AUTHORITY/POLICY IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Nil

## 6. CONCLUSIONS

6.1 There is a requirement to regularly review the availability of lair space at the Council's cemeteries and to develop and prioritise plans for expansion and development.

6.2 Examination of the current situation shows that the cemeteries at Cumnock, Galston, Patna and Mauchline, should be the top priorities for expansion and development in the next few years with Dalmellington in the following tranche. Future capital programme allocations should be based on these priorities if the levels of demand remain constant.

## 7. RECOMMENDATIONS

7.1 It is recommended that the Committee note the contents of this report.

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### LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

Nil

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