

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE -21 SEPTEMBER 2000

SURPLUS PROPERTY - TOURHILL LIBRARY, KILMARNOCK

Report by the Director of Community Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To seek Committee approval to declare the former Tourhill Library property surplus to the requirements of the Community Services Department.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 At the Community Services Committee meeting on 29th February 2000 it was agreed that Tourhill Library, Kilmarnock would close as part of the 2000/01 budget process.
- 2.2 On 15th March 2000 the Community Services Committee agreed to retain the Tourhill Library premises, although closed, pending further consideration.

3. CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.1 Tourhill Library closed to the public on Saturday 10th June and the premises are now vacant.
- 3.2 The Community Services Department has no alternative uses for the premises and no budget to continue to pay any costs associated with them.
- 3.3 The Director of Development Services has responsibility for the management of Council properties and would be responsible for securing an appropriate alternative use for the premises once they have been declared surplus.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The Community Services Committee does not have a budget for Tourhill Library and retaining the premises in the committee remit requires funding from other service budgets.

5. LEGAL AUTHORITY/IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Nil

6. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Nil

7. CONCLUSIONS

7.1 It would be appropriate to declare the Tourhill Library premises surplus to the Committee's requirements and remit responsibility for them to the Director of Development Services in accordance with agreed Council policy and procedures.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

8.1 It is recommended that the Committee:-

- (i) Declares the Tourhill Library surplus to requirements; and
- (ii) Remits to the Director of Development Services to secure an appropriate alternative use for the premises in accordance with Council policy.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

NIL

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AGENDA