

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE – 23 SEPTEMBER 2003

SURPLUS PROPERTY – Skills Training Unit, Glaisnock Street ,Cumnock (Former Cumnock Cleansing Depot)

Report by Depute Chief Executive/ Director of Corporate Resources

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1** To request Committee to declare the property in Glaisnock Street, Cumnock (behind the Town Hall), surplus to requirements.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1** The subjects comprise of office accommodation and lock-ups and is situated within an enclosed yard area behind the Town Hall in Cumnock.
- 2.2** The property benefits from external security lighting and has a modern security alarm system throughout. A new gas fired central heating system has also been recently installed.
- 2.3** The premises have been occupied by the Skills Training Unit since 1999 up to 31st March this year as a base for its STN (Special Training Needs), Training for Work and New Deal Programmes.

3 PRESENT POSITION

- 3.1** Training for Work numbers have since been reduced and the New Deal programme is working from New Cumnock and therefore no longer need a base in Cumnock.
- 3.2** The STN programme has been replaced with “Get Ready for Work” and has been relocated to Thistle Business Park in Cumnock. These new premises are more conducive to a training environment offering training rooms, an IT suite and a modern fully fitted kitchen, all of which are necessary for the E.A.S.Y. (East Ayrshire Strategy For Youth), personal development skills programme based there.
- 3.3** The property has now been vacated and is available for immediate occupation or sale.

4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 If the property is declared surplus to requirements it may generate a Capital Receipt for the General Services account.
- 4.2 The relocation brings the training staff closer to other SIP funded projects and the property leasing arrangements are linked to the immediate funding period.

5 LEGAL/POLICY IMPLICATIONS -

- 5.1 Nil.

6 RECOMMENDATION

- 6.1 It is recommended that:-
 - (i) the property in question be declared surplus to requirements by Committee; and
 - (ii) the matter thereafter be referred to the Director of Development Services in accordance with the Councils agreed procedures.

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**Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources
09 September, 2003**

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

Nil.

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