

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

CUMNOCK AREA LOCAL COMMITTEE – 8 NOVEMBER 2001

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL GARDEN MAINTENANCE SCHEME

Report by the Director of Homes and Technical Services.

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To advise Members of the detail and operation of the East Ayrshire Council garden maintenance scheme

2. BACKGROUND

2.1 The garden maintenance scheme as currently operated by East Ayrshire Council is a continuation of the scheme operated by Cumnock and Doon Valley District Council prior to the restructuring of Local Authorities in 1996.

2.2 The scheme is administered by the Homes Division of the Department of Homes and Technical Services, and provides gardening assistance to 2714 Council households who have difficulties carrying out grass or hedge cutting due to age or disability and 841 households within the Cumnock Area currently receive this service.

2.3 Households with only persons over 60 years of age or disabled are eligible for inclusion and the works are provided free to any households in receipt of Income Support, rent rebate or Council Tax rebate. A £30 contribution towards the cost is payable by eligible households not in receipt of any of these benefits.

2.4 The works provided comprise 8 visits to cut grass and two visits to cut hedges within the growing period between March and October. The cycle is generally 3 weeks for grass cutting with a hedge cut provided at mid and end of season, although the effect of inclement weather can lead to variances.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The current budget provided for the scheme is sourced from the Housing Revenue Account and expected expenditure outturn for 2001/2002 remains within the budget provided.

4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Nil

5.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Nil

6.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

6.1 It is recommended that Committee

1. note the contents of the Report

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. East Ayrshire Council Garden Maintenance Scheme records

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AGENDA