

# EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE: 13 MARCH 2002

## UNEMPLOYMENT IN EAST AYRSHIRE – JANUARY 2002

### Report by the Director of Development Services

#### 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide an update on unemployment levels as at January 2002 for East Ayrshire and Scotland, and at December 2001 for Wards and Local Committee Areas.

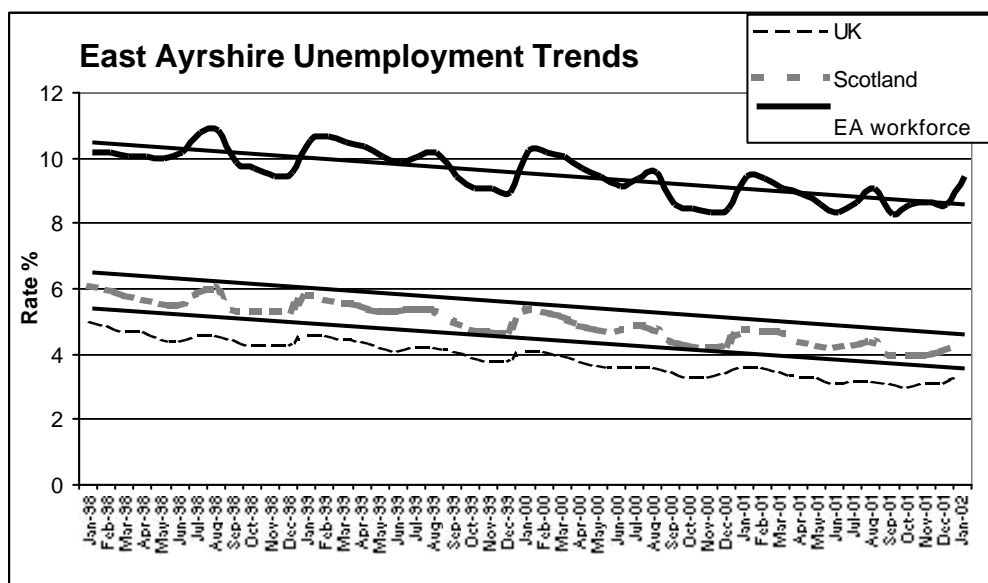
#### 2. UNEMPLOYMENT IN EAST AYRSHIRE

2.1 In January 2002, a total of 4,063 people were out of work in East Ayrshire. Male claimants totalled 3,040 and female claimants totalled 1,023.

2.2 Unemployment in East Ayrshire at January 2002 was 8.9%. This figure remains unchanged from January 2001.

#### 3. UNEMPLOYMENT TRENDS

3.1 The following table shows unemployment trends in East Ayrshire using the Workforce rate over the past three years. UK and Scottish rates are also shown.



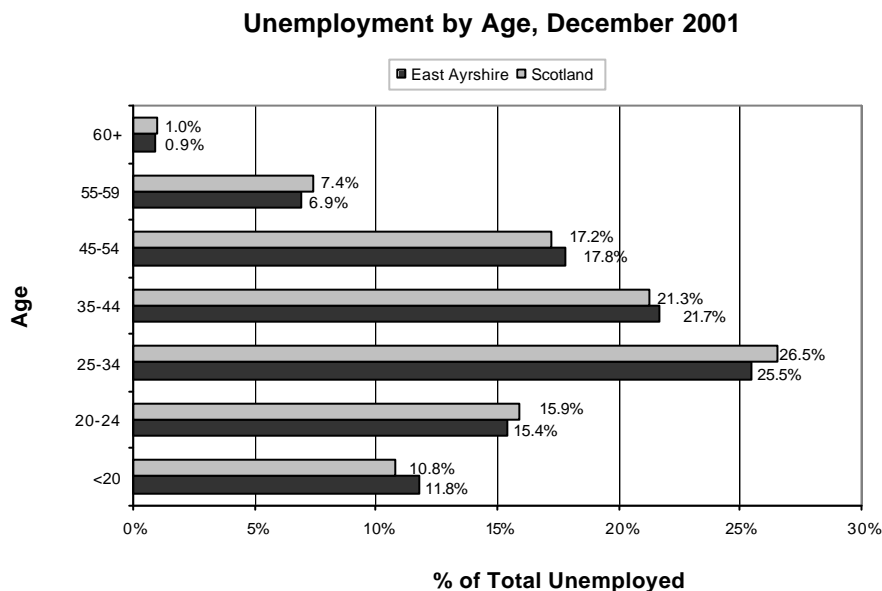
Source: ONS

#### 4. UNEMPLOYMENT FIGURES FOR EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL WARD AND LOCAL COMMITTEE AREAS

4.1 The Office for National Statistics publishes claimant count figures for 1999 wards. The unemployment rates are calculated using an estimate of economically active persons from the 1998 Voluntary Population Survey. Unemployment rates at December 2001 for Wards and Local Committee Areas are appended to this report.

#### 5. UNEMPLOYMENT BY AGE

5.1 The following table shows claimant unemployed by age in East Ayrshire compared with Scotland. As can be seen the largest proportion of unemployed people fall within the 25-34 age group. The age split of East Ayrshire unemployed is very similar to that of Scotland.



Source: ONS / SLIMS

#### 6. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

6.1 There are no legal implications for the Council.

#### 7. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

7.1 There are no personnel implications for the Council.

## **8. RECOMMENDATION**

**8.1 It is recommended that the Committee note this report.**

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### **List of Background Papers**

**Nil**

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**AGENDA**