

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE – 16 DECEMBER 2003

GROUND AT MAIN STREET CAR PARK, AUCHINLECK

Report by Director of Development Services

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1** To seek authority from Committee to declare approximately 102 square metres of ground at Main Street Car Park, Auchinleck surplus to requirements.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1** Mr Mohammed Shafique is the owner of the Nightingale Nursing Home which is located at 154-158 Main Street, Auchinleck and adjoins the Council's public car park.
- 2.2** The Corporate Governance Committee at its meeting of 23 November 2003 granted authority to the Director of Development Services to enter into negotiations for the sale of the surplus property at 152 Main Street, being the former Local Office for Auchinleck, to allow him to expand his business.

3 CURRENT POSITION

- 3.1** Mr Shafique has approached the Council regarding the possibility of acquiring an area of ground at the Council's car park to allow him to create minor extensions to the property to make it more functional and to provide a 2 metre strip around the property for security and maintenance purposes. The area of ground is shown hatched on the attached plan and extends to 102 square metres or thereby.
- 3.2** The release of this area of ground will not materially affect the operational functioning of the car park, however, the purchaser will be required to carry out, at his own expense, the following works:-
- Relocation of two gully pots which are located within the area to be declared surplus, to a position within the remaining car park to be agreed with the Roads and Transportation Division;
 - Relocation of a lighting column to a position within the remaining area of car park to be agreed with the Roads and Transportation Division;

- Erect a suitable perimeter fence around the area to be disposed along with a kerb and bollards to protect the fence from any potential collisions from vehicles using the car park with the position of the kerbs and bollards to be agreed with the Roads and Transportation Division;
- To regrade the surface of the car park to allow proper drainage to the relocated gulley pots

All of the above will be carried out at the sole expense of the purchaser and to the sight and satisfaction of the Council's Roads and Transportation Division.

4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The General Services Account would receive a Capital Receipt from the sale to Mr Shafique.

5 LEGAL/POLICY IMPLICATIONS – Nil.

6 RECOMMENDATION

- 6.1 It is recommended that Committee declare the area of ground shown hatched on the attached plan and extending to 102 square metres or thereby for the specific purposes of a sale to Mr Mohammed Shafique in connection with the Council's disposal of the property at 152 Main Street, Auchinleck to him and to remit the matter to the Director of Development Services to address matters in accordance with Council procedures.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

Nil

For further information on this report, please contact Jim Kane, Head of Roads and Transportation (Tel: 01563 576310)

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