

# EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

## EDUCATION COMMITTEE – 12 NOVEMBER 2002

### REVIEW OF REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE OF COMMUNITY CENTRES

#### Report by Director of Educational & Social Services

#### 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek Committee approval for a review of arrangements including financial arrangements for the repairs and maintenance of community centres in East Ayrshire and to agree to the establishment of a Member Officer Group.

#### 2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 There are 33 Community Centres and IFE wings in East Ayrshire and in October 2002 23 Old People's Cabins and Centres were transferred from the Department of Community Services. The majority of Community Centres have Community Associations which have responsibility for approving lets within these establishments. The income generated from these lets is kept by the Community Association.

Major work on community centres, is approved through Education Committee each financial year, as part of the Capital Programme.

There is no departmental budget held in Support to Communities for the sole use of repairs and maintenance. When the Older Peoples Cabins and Centres were transferred to the Department of Educational and Social Services in 2000 there was no budget held departmentally for repairs and maintenance of these establishments.

#### 3. PROPOSALS

- 3.1 It is proposed that a review of arrangements for repairs and maintenance of Community Centres and Cabins is carried out. The remit for the review would include
- i. An assessment of the current financial arrangements for repairs and maintenance of the said buildings.
  - ii. Options for future arrangements for repairs and maintenance of these buildings based on the outcome of the assessment.

In order to take these matters forward, it is proposed that a Member Officer group is established to report back to the Education Committee before the end of the financial year.

**4. FINANCIAL ISSUES**

4.1 NIL

**5. LEGAL/POLICY ISSUES**

5.1 NIL

**6. RECOMMENDATIONS**

**6.1** It is recommended that members of the Education Committee:

- i. approve the remit for a review of community centres and old people's cabins.
- ii. approve the establishment of a Member Officer Group
- iii. remit the membership of the Member Officer group to the Council
- iv. ask the Director of Educational and Social Services to report back to Committee

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**LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS - Nil**

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**AGENDA**