

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

HOUSING COMMITTEE – 31 JANUARY 2001

DRAFT ESTIMATES 2001/2002 HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT

Joint Report by the Director of Homes and Technical Services and the Director of Finance

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To report to Members regarding the consultation exercise for the Housing Revenue Account on the draft estimates for 2001/2002 as considered by the Special Housing Committee on 18 January 2001, and on the associated possible rent levels for 2001/2002.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Housing Committee at a special meeting on 18 January 2001 agreed the draft estimates for the 2001/2002 Housing Revenue Account as a basis for consultation. Subsequently the Special Policy and Resources Committee of 23 January 2001 also approved the draft estimates noting that there is a shortfall amounting to £1.246M of income which will require to be funded from increased rent. Over 48 weeks the sum would equate to £1.50 per week (or £1.38 for 52 weeks).

3. CONSULTATION

- 3.1 In line with the timetable set out for the consultation on the budget issues at the Special Policy and Resources Committee of 23 January 2001, consultation meetings were held with the Trade Unions on 23 January 2001 and will be held with Local Committee Representatives on 25 January 2001. Public meetings will also take place on 29 January 2001 at Council Headquarters in Kilmarnock and 30 January 2001 at Cumnock Town Hall.
- 3.2 It has been necessary to draft this report before most of the consultation meetings have taken place. A further report therefore will be tabled at the Housing Committee Meeting on 31 January 2001 in regard to the outcome of the consultation exercise.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The report to be tabled will also contain final recommendations with regards to the budget which was considered by Members at the Special Housing Committee on 18 January 2001 and the Special Policy and Resources Committee of 23 January 2001.

5. POLICY / LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The Council has a statutory requirement to give 4 weeks notice of any change in rent.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 6.1 It is recommended that the Committee:
- a) Note the contents of this report.

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Special Housing Committee – 18 January 2001
2. Special Policy and Resources Committee – 23 January 2001

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AGENDA