

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

HOUSING COMMITTEE – 28 MARCH 2001

EMPTY HOMES INITIATIVE

Report by Director of Homes and Technical Services

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to provide members with an up-date on progress on the Empty Homes Initiative.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The current round of Empty Homes work covers the years 2000/2001 to 2001/2002. The total sum awarded from the Scottish Executive is £623,000.
- 2.2 The original profile for spending was :-

Ref.	Project	2000/2001		2001/2002
		Award	Total Allocation	Award
158	73/77 Main St, Newmilns	£75,000	£75,000	
159	26/28 High St, Newmilns	£75,000	£75,000	
160	25/35 Main St, Newmilns (West Gate Co-op)			£200,000
162	1,3,5 Main St, Ochiltree	£30,000	£30,000	£243,000

3. CURRENT SITUATION

- 3.1 The project at Ochiltree did not proceed as the Council were outbid in their offer for the vacant private property.
- 3.2 To ensure that the Council did not lose out in the grant award a re-configured bid was submitted to the Scottish Executive on 6th December and this is shown below :-

Ref.	Project	2000/2001		2001/2002
		Award	Total Allocation	Award
158	73/77 Main St, Newmilns		£125,000	
159	26/28 High St, Newmilns	£75,000	£75,000	
160	25/35 Main St, Newmilns (West Gate Co-op)	£100,000	£100,000	£248,000
	24 High St, Newmilns			£75,000

3.1 The above re-configuration was agreed to by the Scottish Executive thereby maintaining the Council's allocation at £623,000 and increases the number of housing units from 17 to 19 at the West Gate Co-op and an additional 2 units at 24 High Street, Newmilns.

3.2 The total number of empty homes that will be brought into use in this round of the project will be 28 units.

4. FINANCIAL/LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 There are no financial implications, as the Council is acting as a conduit for the disbursement of Empty Homes funds.

4.2 There are no legal implications associated with this item.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

5.1 Committee is asked note the contents of this up-date report.

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

Nil

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AGENDA