

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

STEERING GROUP: PILOT CARE AND REPAIR PROJECT

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 10 DECEMBER 2002 AT 1500 HOURS IN MEETING ROOM 1, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK

PRESENT: Councillors Jimmy Kelly and John Knapp; Chris McAleavey, Head of Homes; Joseph Cassidy, Policy Manager; Deborah Brady, Policy Officer (Development); Charlie Murphy, Grant Officer; Claire Mills, Team Leader - Occupational Therapy; Eddie Fraser, Service Unit Manager (Home Care); Jessie Graham, Elderly Forum Representative; Robert Thomson, Director and National Co-ordinator - Care and Repair Forum Scotland Ltd.; and Scott Cameron, Operations Co-ordinator - Communities Scotland.

ATTENDING: Stuart Nelson, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillor Willie Coffey; and Cathy Roarty, Lead Public Health Practitioner - East Ayrshire Local Health Care Co-operative.

CHAIR: Councillor Jimmy Kelly, Chair.

CHAIR'S REMARKS

1. The Chair welcomed those present to the meeting and following introductions, proceeded to deal with the business of the meeting as undernoted.

REPORT TO HOUSING COMMITTEE

2. There was submitted, for information, and noted, a report (circulated) by the Director of Homes and Technical Services which had been submitted to East Ayrshire Council's Housing Committee on 11 September 2002 and which provided an update with regard to developing proposals for a Pilot Care and Repair Scheme in East Ayrshire.

PRESENTATION: SHIRE HOUSING ASSOCIATION LIMITED

3. The Group received a presentation from Liliias Dunlop, Director, Shire Housing Association, assisted by David Johnson, Head of Housing Management with the Association, with a view to facilitating consideration by the Group of the possibility of the Association being appointed as the Management Agent for the proposed Pilot Care and Repair Project.

There then followed discussion during which Members of the Group gave consideration to the terms of the presentation. Liliias Dunlop and David Johnson responded to questions put by Members of the Group and provided clarification on various matters arising. In the course of deliberations, the Group recognised and re-emphasised the need for all of the relevant Agencies to work in close partnership in order to afford the project the greatest potential for success; and acknowledged the high quality working relationship which already exists between Shire Housing Association Limited and East Ayrshire Council's Department of Homes and Technical Services.

Following, and in the light of discussion, it was agreed, namely:-

- (i) in principle, to recommend to the Housing Committee that Shire Housing Association Limited be appointed as the Management Agent for the proposed Pilot Care and Repair Project, subject to consideration by this Group of a detailed Business Plan for the Pilot Project; and
- (ii) to remit to the Head of Homes to progress the development and preparation of a proposed Business Plan for the Pilot Project, with Shire Housing Association Limited and the other partner agencies, for submission to and consideration by this Group prior to the submission of recommendations to the Housing Committee.

The meeting terminated at 1555 hours.