

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

HOUSING CAPITAL SUB-COMMITTEE – 6 MARCH 2001

HOUSING CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2000/2001 MONITORING STATEMENT

Report by the Director of Homes and Technical Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To advise the Sub Committee of the current status of projects currently expended from the Housing Capital Programme 2000/2001, with regard to financial monitoring and physical progress.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 At the meeting of the Housing Capital Sub-Committee on 22nd February 2000, members agreed a Capital Programme identified against a number of budgetary sub-headings, which totalled £8,945,000.00.
- 2.2 At the subsequent meeting of 16th May 2000, members agreed to the re-allocation of additional anticipated income together with savings identified at that time, giving an overall budget approval of £9,148,560.00.
- 2.3 As the financial year has progressed, further identified savings and projected increased income through house sales has enabled the programme to be augmented. The detail of these increases have been incorporated within reports to Sub-Committee, which received members approval.
- 2.4 At the meeting of the Housing Capital Sub-Committee on 31st January 2001, members agreed a bid to the Scottish Executive for additional Capital borrowing consent, totalling £458,000.00, to carry out further bathroom refurbishment, door and screen replacement, gas central heating installation, and demolitions. Notification has now been received from the Scottish Executive stating that, after consideration of all bids received, the Council has been awarded the reduced amount of £163,000.00.

3. CURRENT STATUS OF MONITORING STATEMENT

- 3.1 The attached monitoring statement identifies the anticipated physical progress of schemes at the financial year end and subject to slippage incurred upon projects identified within the statement. All the Councils targets will be achieved or exceeded. The slippage identified is mainly as a result of adverse weather conditions and dealing with materials having an asbestos content upon re-roofing and re-wiring projects. The Heatwise ILM project has been very successful in placing trainees in employment. Consequently there has been a downturn in output. Substitute programmes have been identified for this.

3.2 Taking account of revisions to the income amount through further increased house sales, together with the confirmed additional allocation of £163,000.00 from the Scottish Executive, total income now amounts to £9,729,178.00. Expenditure is projected as £9,029,130.12 resulting in an underspend of £700,047.88 on the previously approved programme. However this does mean that there are now sufficient funds to proceed with all of the additional works identified in the bid to the Scottish Executive, although, as is normal, some of these will carry forward into the new financial year.

4. LEGAL/POLICY IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Enabling works to proceed which would otherwise have been considered as part of the 2001/2002 Housing Capital Programme.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 To fully commit the revised projected income of £9,729,178.00.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS

6.1 Committee are asked to note the additional commitment upon projects identified within previous bid to Scottish Executive, together with the additional income from house sales and the supplementary borrowing consent.

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Minutes of the Housing Capital Sub-Committee, 2000/2001.

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AGENDA