

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

HOUSING CAPITAL SUB-COMMITTEE 25 OCTOBER, 2000

CAPITAL RECEIPTS 2000/2001

Report by Solicitor to the Council

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To update the Sub-Committee on the position with regard to the estimated Housing Capital receipts for the financial year 2000/2001.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 It was estimated at the beginning of the Financial Year that the total gross Housing Capital receipts for the year would be £5,312,000 comprising Right to Buy receipts at £5,292,000 and other receipts of £20,000.
- 2.2 A revised estimate of Right to Buy receipts at £6,300,000 was reported to this Sub-Committee on 16th May, 2000. It was anticipated at that time that the figure of £20,000 for other receipts was achievable. These figures were confirmed in a Report to this Sub-Committee on 30th August, 2000.

3. CURRENT POSITION

- 3.1 As at 22nd September, 2000, Right to Buy receipts amounted to £3,683,641 in respect of 285 transactions settled. This compares with a capital receipt of £3,302,955 in the same period in the previous financial year in respect of 263 transactions settled.
- 3.2 As previously reported the percentage of applications received in the period from 1st January, 2000 to 12th April, 2000 showed an increase of 25% from the application rate in the same period in 1999, with a reduced rate of increase to 3% in the period from 1st January, 2000 to 31st July, 2000 from the same period in 1999. The increased application rate in the period from 1st January, 2000 to 31st July, 2000 is reflected in the increase Capital receipt as at 22nd September, 2000.

- 3.3 A further comparison of the application rates in the period 15th January, 2000 to 30th September, 2000 shows a decrease by 1% from the application rate for the same period in 1999 with a reduction in the rate of applications for the month of September, 2000 of 14% from the rate in the same period in 1999. Even allowing for a further reduction in the application rate equivalent to the reduction in September, 2000 in the period 1st October to 31st December, 2000, it is anticipated that the estimated Capital Receipt for the financial year 2000/2001 in respect of Right to Buy sales will increase from the figure of £6,300,000 previously reported to £6,800,000 in respect of 544 transactions settled.
- 3.4 The estimated figure of £20,000 for other receipts is again still considered achievable.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 As outlined in this report.

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Nil.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 6.1 The Sub-Committee is asked to note contents of this report.

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

NIL

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AGENDA