

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

KILMARNOCK NORTH LOCAL COMMITTEE - 3 APRIL 2001

LONGPARK IMPROVEMENT PROPOSALS: PROGRESS REPORT

Joint Report by the Directors of Homes and Technical Services and  
Development Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to keep the members of the committee appraised regarding the latest progress on the Longpark Improvement proposals.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The committee had previously expressed the wish to be regularly informed of the progress of the Longpark Improvement Proposals and this is one of a series of such reports.

3. PROGRESS

- 3.1 **Wimpey/Cunninghame Housing Association Housing** The works are progressing well and overall are in line with the Contractor's programme. In terms of standard of workmanship, the Association reports that there are few snagging items raised and these are being attended to as and when reported.

The Association has taken possession of 16 properties. The following handovers have taken place to-date:-

5/12/00	1,2,3, 5,6,7,& 8 Highfield Avenue
23/1/01	8&9 Innellan Drive
6/2/01	6&7 Innellan Drive
20/2/01	1&2 John Burr Place
6/3/01	11&12 John Burr Place

- 3.2 **Local Authority Demolitions** The demolitions at Campbeltown Drive, Kirn Road and Northcraig Road have been completed. The sites have been cleared, top soil laid and turfing should be completed by 31 March 2001, Foot and Mouth restrictions permitting.

- 3.3 **Wider Action** The Council, Cunninghame H.A. and Scottish Homes have commissioned Market Research (Scotland) to carry out a full consultation exercise in Longpark, which will inform the a Wider Action survey and plan which is currently being formulated by the three partners. The consultation starts on 19 March and should be completed by end of June

- 3.4 **Longpark Hostel** The Longpark Hostel building is now vacant and no further housing use has been identified by Homes and Technical Services. Cunninghame Housing Association are currently considering whether or not they may be able to put it to use. If not the property is likely to be demolished and the site cleared.
- 3.5 **Community Complex site at Innellan Drive** The borehole survey for this site has been completed and the site investigation report received. The conclusion is that development of the type contemplated is possible. There will be additional costs incurred on foundation design principally because of the presence of fill material under the site. The fill will also require measures to reduce the effect of generated carbon dioxide and to stabilise services. However the additional costs are likely to be within the bounds of acceptability. Detailed site selection for the proposed building will have a significant effect on the magnitude of additional foundation costs. It was also considered that the proposed building could be constructed with no special precautions in respect of mineral stability due to previous coal mining under the site, although it would be considered prudent to use an increased thickness of foundations as a precautionary measure.

#### **4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 The Council's contribution to the consultation exercise will be met from current Housing Revenue Funds (HRA).

#### **5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 Nil

#### **6. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 6.1 It is recommended that the Committee welcome the progress of the Longpark improvement proposals as detailed in the report.

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**AGENDA**