

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

**KILMARNOCK NORTH LOCAL COMMITTEE - 28 MAY 2002**

**ACTION TAKEN AGAINST TENANTS IN RELATION TO DRUG TRAFFICKING/ OTHER  
SERIOUS CRIMES IN THE AREA**

**Report by the Director of Homes and Technical Services**

**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1** To provide the Committee with information on the number of Notification of intent issued in relation to Drug Trafficking/ other serious crimes in the area.

**2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1** Following the Committee's discussion on Agenda Item 7, Safer Streets Policing Report ("U" Division), at the meeting of 19 march 2002, the Director of Homes and Technical Services was requested to provide information on the number of Notification of Intent to Evict Notices issued in relation to Drug Trafficking and other serious crimes in the area, to this meeting.

**3. NUMBER OF NOTICE OF INTENTS ISSUED FOR DRUG TRAFFICKING AND OTHER  
SERIOUS CRIMES SINCE APRIL 2002**

- 3.1** Within this Local Committee Area, the Area Manager for Kilmarnock North and Central has issued 3 NOI's on the basis of information provided by the Police, using the agreed protocol for notification to the Council of drugs being allegedly supplied from Council housing.
- 3.2** Once the outcome of these criminal cases has been decided by the Sheriff, action against the tenant for recovery of the house will be immediately undertaken.
- 3.3** Action will also be taken against tenants involved in other serious crimes in the area, if they have been in breach of their conditions of tenancy.
- 3.4** Not all action by the Council against tenants is dependent on the Police for information. Suspicions may be aroused that a tenant is using their home for supplying drugs, or may be involved in other serious breaches of their conditions of tenancy. If no factual information is available to confirm this, then other reasons for action against a tenant will be explored by Housing Officers, such as the condition of house or garden, nuisance or vandalism being caused by visitors to their property.

**3.5** In all cases where action is being considered by the Council, it is vitally important that the support of local residents is obtained by the Housing Officer and Serious Neighbourhood Disputes Officer. Residents can provide to staff, information both verbally and in writing about their concerns regarding their neighbour(s). It should be noted that actions for evictions are unlikely to succeed without appropriate support by local residents or neighbours.

#### **4. CONCLUSION**

**4.1** The Area Manager for Kilmarnock North and Central and his team will continue to work closely with the Police and local communities to tackle serious breaches of the conditions of tenancy by some Council tenants and take appropriate action.

#### **5. RECOMMENDATIONS**

**5.1** It is recommended that Members:

- (i) note the report.

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#### **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Nil

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**AGENDA**