

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

KILMARNOCK SOUTH LOCAL COMMITTEE - 31 January 2001

PROPOSAL UNDER CONSIDERATION FOR USE OF 68 -70 CAPRINGTON A VENUE SHORTLEES KILMARNOCK

Report by Director of Homes and Technical Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform Members of the current proposals under consideration for the future use of the vacant properties at 68/70 Caprington Avenue, Shortlees.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 During 2000, The Director of Education carried out a review of services within the Shortlees Area and decided the properties at 68/70 Caprington Avenue were surplus to the service requirements of his Department and the properties were subsequently vacated.
- 2.2 As a local housing service is provided from the adjacent properties of 64/66 Caprington Avenue, the Director of Homes and Technical Services is presently examining the potential of adding the vacant properties to the Kilmarnock South Local Housing Office, while at the same time enquiring whether there is scope to attract other services providers without a base in the area, to share the proposed new office space and contribute to the capital and revenue costs of the project.

3. PROGRESS TO DATE

- 3.1 Initial plans have been drawn up and provisional costs obtained on the basis of the 4 properties being able to provide enhanced services to the people of Kilmarnock South. As well as providing additional office and meeting resources, the existing Local Housing Office could be partly redesigned to ensure that better public counter and private interview facilities are available to customers. Discussions are on going with other Council Departments who may be interested in establishing a base in the area, which might make the project cost effective.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The Director of Homes and Technical Services will provided a detailed cost Plan to Housing Capital Sub Committee and Housing Committee when appropriate.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

5.1 It is recommended that the Committee:-

- (i) note the contents of this report.

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

NIL

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AGENDA