

ANNEXATION

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

HOUSING CAPITAL SUB-COMMITTEE

Minute of meeting held on Monday 4 September 1995 at 3.30pm in the Meeting Room, London Road Centre, Kilmarnock

PRESENT: Councillors J Kelly (Chair), D Sneller, G Smith, J Knapp, W Doyle, K Nicoll and D Reid (from Item 4).

ATTENDING: D Montgomery (Chief Executive); Fiona Lees (Depute Chief Executive); D McVicar (Chief Executive's Department); J Hillis (Director of Housing); and A McKnight.

1. TERMS OF REFERENCE AND QUORUM

There was submitted and approved terms of reference for the Housing Capital Sub-Committee and it was agreed that a quorum would be four members.

2. RESOURCE PLANNING ASSUMPTIONS - HRA/NON-HRA

There was submitted a report (issued) on the resource planning assumptions, on the basis of which the Council was asked to draw up its 1996/97 housing capital programme.

After hearing John Hillis in explanation, the Sub-Committee agreed:

- (a) to consider the lower resource planning assumption as a basis to go forward;
- (b) that concerns about the effect of reduced capital receipts from Right to Buy, be brought to the attention of the Scottish Office; and
- (c) to otherwise, note the contents of the report.

3. EXISTING PROGRAMMES OF WORK

There was submitted a report (issued) in conjunction with an updated report (tabled) outlining the proposed housing capital programme for 1996/97.

After hearing John Hillis in explanation about the timescales for preparation of contract documents and after discussion, it was agreed to:

- (a) accept the proposed housing capital programme for 1996/97;
- (b) ensure that when considering priorities in the programme, core projects will be completed first and other projects will be considered relative to available funding;
- (c) prepare contract documentation using the timetable applicable within Cumnock and Doon Valley District Council; and

(d) otherwise note the contents of the report.

4. SELECTION CRITERIA

John Hillis gave a verbal report outlining that he would be producing at a later date a completely revised selection criteria for projects. The Committee discussed the requirement for future programmes to be needs based to reflect technical assessments.

5. ANNUAL POLICY STATEMENT

There was submitted a report (issued) from the Scottish Office on guidance notes for local authorities on the preparation of their Annual Policy Statement.

After hearing John Hillis in explanation that the guidelines for 1996/97 had not been forwarded from the Scottish Office, it was agreed that the Director of Housing produce a draft report for a future meeting of the sub-committee.

6. REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

John Hillis gave a verbal report that a small officers' group were currently meeting with a view to harmonising repairs and improvement grants procedure.

After discussion, the Committee agreed that the working group should go ahead and base the value of projects on the lower resource assumption and for a report to be submitted to a future meeting.