

## **WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL**

### **Report by Director of Housing, Regeneration and Environmental Services**

**Audit and Performance Review Committee: 21 June 2006**

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**Subject: Follow Up Review of Housing Rents System**

#### **1. Purpose**

- 1.1** The purpose of this report is to advise the Committee of the progress being made in addressing the issues raised by Audit Scotland in their audit of the Housing Rents System.

#### **2. Background**

- 2.1** At the Audit and Performance Review Committee held on 8 March 2006, a report by the Director of Housing and Technical Services entitled, "Follow up Review of Housing Rents System" was considered. The Committee agreed to note the progress made to date and that this item would remain on the agenda of the Audit and Performance Review Committee until such time as the one remaining outstanding issue had been resolved.
- 2.2** The Committee was advised that the one remaining recommendation related to the creation of a system interface being developed between the Saffron rents system and the financial ledger to allow automatic transfer of data.

#### **3. Main Issues**

- 3.1** The main issue is the length of time that it has taken to have this last outstanding audit recommendation completed.
- 3.2** There have been a number of target dates agreed with the external auditor regarding the completion date of this last audit recommendation and although the interface has in fact been written, there have been a number of problems encountered during the testing process.
- 3.3** It is important to note that, during the 2005/2006 financial year, the transactions from the rents system have been journalised in full into the financial ledger, which achieves the same result as a system interface.
- 3.4** I am pleased to advise that the testing of the interface is now complete and the interface will be operational from period 3 15 July 2006.

#### **4. Financial Implications**

- 4.1** There are no financial implications.

**5. Personnel Issues**

**5.1** There are no personnel issues.

**6. Conclusion**

**6.1** The last remaining action point relating to Audit Scotland's Follow Up Review of the Housing Rents System has now been completed.

**7. Recommendation**

**7.1** The Committee is invited to note that the testing of the interface is now complete and the interface will be operational from the first ledger run of the new financial year.



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**Date: 25 May 2006**

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**Wards Affected:** All

**Appendix:** None

**Background Papers:**

Audit & Performance Review Committee	- 26 November 2003
Audit & Performance Review Committee	- 25 February 2004
Audit & Performance Review Committee	- 26 May 2004
Audit & Performance Review Committee	- 29 September 2004
Audit & Performance Review Committee	- 22 December 2004
Audit & Performance Review Committee	- 23 March 2005
Audit & Performance Review Committee	- 29 June 2005
Audit & Performance Review Committee	- 14 September 2005
Audit & Performance Review Committee	- 21 December 2005
Social Justice Committee	- 8 February 2006
Audit & Performance Review Committee	- 8 March 2006
Social Justice Committee	- 12 April 2006

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