

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Report by Director of Housing, Regeneration and Environmental Services

Social Justice Committee : 12 April 2006

Subject: Follow Up Review of Housing Rents System

1. Purpose of Report

- 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 Social Justice Committee held on 8 February 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 Social Justice Committee until such time as the one remaining outstanding issue had been resolved.
- 2.2** The Committee was advised that the one remaining outstanding 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 the target date is now 31 March 2006, as previously reported to this Committee.
- 3.3** Although the interface has in fact been written, there have been a number of problems encountered during the testing process.
- 3.4** 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.
- 3.5** The testing of the interface is now complete and the interface will be operational from the beginning of the new financial year.

4. Personnel Issues

4.1 None.

5. Financial Implications

5.1 None.

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 asked to note that the testing of the interface is now complete and the interface will be operational from the beginning of the new financial year.**

7.2 **The Committee is also asked to note that this now completes the last remaining recommendation contained within Audit Scotland's Follow Up Review of the Housing Rents System.**

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Date: 30 March 2006

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

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