

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Report by Director of Housing, Regeneration and Environmental Services

Social Justice Committee: 14 June 2006

Subject: House Sales

1. Purpose

- 1.1** This report provides the Committee with information on West Dunbartonshire Council houses sold under the Right to Buy scheme between 1 April 2005 and 31 March 2006. The appendix to this report gives details of houses sold by type and by area, together with information for the financial year 2004/2005 for comparison purposes.

2. Background

- 2.1** The number of houses sold to sitting tenants under the Right to Buy scheme has slowed down after a period of activity during 2004/2005. This followed the effects of the "Modernised Right to Buy" scheme, and it is anticipated that sales will continue to decline.

3. Main Issues

- 3.1** The Appendix to this report contains the following two tables: -
- Table 1 House Sales by Area and Type
 - Table 2 Analysis of House Sales by Estate

Table 1 provides general information on the types of houses being purchased across the three main areas of West Dunbartonshire and Table 2 gives details of sales according to location. There was a 28% drop in sales during this period compared with the same period in 2005/2006, with the most significant reductions being in the sale of semi detached (38%), four in a block (35%) and terraced properties (19%). 52% of sales were in Clydebank, 30% in the Vale of Leven and 18% in Dumbarton. In 2004/2005 sales were 54% in Clydebank, 26% in the Vale of Leven and 20% in Dumbarton.

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1** There are no financial implications.

5. Personnel Issues

5.1 There are no personnel issues.

6. Conclusion

6.1 There was a 28% drop in house sales in 2005/2006 when compared with the previous year.

7. Recommendation

7.1 The Committee is asked to note the contents of this report.

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Wards Affected: All Wards

Appendix: Table 1 – Houses Sold by Area and Type:
01.04.05 – 31.03.06

Table 2 – Analysis of Houses Sold by Estate:
01.04.05 - 31.03.06

Background Papers: None

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