

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Report by Executive Director of Housing, Environmental and Economic Development

Housing, Environment and Economic Development Committee: 7 May 2008

Subject: Demolition of Lock-up Garages at Barwoodhill, Bellsmyre

1. Purpose

- 1.1** This report advises Committee of the decision which has been taken to demolish lock-up garages at Barwoodhill, Bellsmyre and seeks homologation for this decision.

2. Background

- 2.1** At its meeting held on 12 April 2006, the Social Justice Committee approved a programme of demolition of redundant lock-up garages held within the Housing Revenue Account. The report noted that the review of lock-up garages had concentrated on the areas which had not been identified as being subject to the proposed Community Ownership Programme. The Committee will be aware that the Council's application to join the Community Ownership Programme was subsequently rejected.
- 2.2** The lock-up garages at Barwoodhill, Bellsmyre, fell within the category as being within the area of the proposed Community Ownership Programme application and consequently were not subject to the review considered by the report to the Social Justice Committee. Nevertheless, these lock-up garages are not tenanted and remained in a poor state of repair.

3. Main Issues

- 3.1** Following recent heavy winds, these lock-up garages were damaged. A technical report revealed that part of the roof structure had been blown off and the remaining roof structure was in a dangerous condition. Other safety issues were identified following this technical report, and a decision was taken to demolish these lock-up garages on safety grounds.
- 3.2** The Committee is invited to homologate the decision of Officers instructing the demolition of these properties on safety grounds.

4. Personnel Issues

- 4.1** There are no Personnel Issues.

5. Financial Implications

- 5.1** The cost of demolishing these properties can be met from the Housing Revenue Capital Budget Account.

6. Risk Analysis

- 6.1** Technical reports revealed a danger to the public unless these properties were demolished.

7. Conclusions

- 7.1** A decision has been taken to demolish lock-up garages at Barwoodhill, Bellsmyre, on safety grounds. This decision requires homologation by the Committee.

8. Recommendation

- 8.1** It is recommended that the Committee homologate the decision taken by Officers to demolish lock-ups at Barwoodhill, Bellsmyre, in the interest of public safety.

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Appendices: None

Background Papers: Report presented to Social Justice Committee dated 12 April 2006, concerning Lock-up Garages

Wards Affected: 2