

**NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL  
REPORT**

To: HOUSING AND SOCIAL WORK SERVICES COMMITTEE	Subject: COUNCIL HOUSE SALES – HOME LOANS	
From: HEAD OF HOUSING & SOCIAL WORK RESOURCES		
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### 1. Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to advise Committee over changes following new provisions brought into force on 1 April 2010, by virtue of Part 2 of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2006 with regard to future loan applications in Right to Buy cases.

### 2. Background

- 2.1. In terms of Section 214 of the Housing (Scotland) Act 1987 the Council has used its discretionary powers to make advances in Right to Buy cases since 2003. This legislation was repealed on 1 April 2010.
- 2.2. Loans can still be given within the new provisions brought into force by virtue of Part 2 of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2006, the Scheme of Assistance for Housing Purposes. However, the council's Scheme of Assistance approved on the 4<sup>th</sup> February 2010 incorporated no provision to allow the council to continue lending in Right to Buy cases, due to budgetary constraints.
- 2.3. Almost all purchasers acquire their houses without recourse to the Council for loan assistance and during 2009/10 only four loans were advanced.
- 2.4. The right to buy - home loan scheme came to an end on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2010.

### 3. Financial Implications

- 3.1 The financial implications of the change were taken into account by the Council when setting the budget for the current year and no provision was made for providing home loans.

### 4. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Committee note the contents of the report.



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