

REPORT

To: GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE and HOUSING AND TECHNICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE		Subject: ACCOUNTS COMMISSION STATUTORY INDICATOR COUNCIL HOUSE SALES
From: DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION		
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1. **Introduction**

- 1.1 One of the statutory performance indicators measured and published by the Accounts Commission through Audit Scotland is the rate of progress by each Scottish Council in dealing with statutory sales of Council houses under the 'Right to Buy' legislation.
- 1.2 The purpose of this report is to advise on the Council's position in relation to the statistics of performance indicators just published by the Accounts Commission for the year 2001/02.

2. **The Indicator**

- 2.1 The statutory indicator has now been simplified by the Accounts Commission to be "the percentage of Council house sales completed within 26 weeks".
- 2.2 By way of commentary the Accounts Commission advise that the number of Council house sales completed across Scotland in the year in question 2001/2002 was just under 13,400, the same as in the previous year 2000/2001.
- 2.3 Over 67% of these sales, nationally, were completed within the national target time of 26 weeks, an increase of 7% over the last two years.
- 2.4 Nineteen Councils increased the percentage of houses sold within 26 weeks compared with 2000/2001: and the proportion of sales completed within the target time ranged from 2.8% in the case of one Council to 93.1% in another.

3. **National 'League Table'**

- 3.1 The attached table shows the total number of house sales undertaken by each authority in 2001/02. Separately the table shows the percentage of house sales completed within the target time of 26 weeks or less in each of the three years 1999/2000, 2000/2001 and 2001/2002.

4. **North Lanarkshire Council Position**

- 4.1 In overall volume terms it is noteworthy that the Council sold 1,380 houses out of a Scottish total of 13,355 in the year 2001/02. This rate of sale is second only to Glasgow City Council at 1,751 and may be compared to the remaining largest authorities of the City of Edinburgh at 533, Fife at 815 and South Lanarkshire at 932.

4.2 In performance terms it is worth noting that North Lanarkshire is now recorded as being the third best performer in terms of progress in undertaking these transactions across the Scottish Councils, with 90% of transactions being completed within the target time of 26 weeks.

5. **Recommendation**

5.1 The Committee is invited to note the performance statistics for Council house sales for the year 2001/02.

  
Director of Administration

**Table 4: Council house sales**

	Total number of house sales		Percentage of houses sold in 26 weeks or less	
	2001/2002	2001/2002	2000/2001	1999/2000
Aberdeen City	<b>603</b>	<b>42.8</b>	29.4	5.0
Aberdeenshire	<b>331</b>	<b>16.9</b>	22.2	20.8
Angus	<b>189</b>	<b>93.1</b>	91.4	74.1
Argyll & Bute	<b>178</b>	<b>30.3</b>	19.1	37.3
Clackmannanshire	<b>157</b>	<b>88.5</b>	91.7	85.3
Dumfries & Galloway	<b>378</b>	<b>66.4</b>	59.9	40.0
Dundee City	<b>235</b>	<b>82.6</b>	87.0	52.7
East Ayrshire	<b>486</b>	<b>89.9</b>	92.4	91.3
East Dunbartonshire	<b>177</b>	<b>2.8</b>	28.9	68.2
East Lothian	<b>313</b>	<b>22.4</b>	6.4	2.3
East Renfrewshire	<b>139</b>	<b>84.2</b>	42.5	23.8
Edinburgh, City of	<b>533</b>	<b>55.2</b>	41.1	18.4
Eilean Siar	<b>29</b>	<b>27.6</b>	74.2	50.0
Falkirk	<b>618</b>	<b>67.6</b>	59.3	61.5
Fife	<b>815</b>	<b>49.6</b>	45.3	62.5
Glasgow City	<b>1,751</b>	<b>78.0</b>	67.9	66.3
Highland	<b>566</b>	<b>57.8</b>	53.8	49.3
Inverclyde	<b>258</b>	<b>89.1</b>	84.9	61.6
Midlothian	<b>252</b>	<b>55.6</b>	63.5	67.1
Moray	<b>175</b>	<b>86.9</b>	93.3	59.9
North Ayrshire	<b>425</b>	<b>79.5</b>	67.0	59.5
North Lanarkshire	<b>1,380</b>	<b>90.0</b>	86.0	89.5
Orkney Islands	<b>26</b>	<b>65.4</b>	57.7	60.9
Perth & Kinross	<b>204</b>	<b>84.3</b>	86.4	79.1
Renfrewshire	<b>685</b>	<b>52.6</b>	67.2	66.5
Scottish Borders	<b>218</b>	<b>81.2</b>	78.5	86.0
Shetland Islands	<b>46</b>	<b>30.4</b>	45.7	45.2
South Ayrshire	<b>260</b>	<b>86.2</b>	76.7	55.9
South Lanarkshire	<b>932</b>	<b>92.9</b>	89.9	89.2
Stirling	<b>241</b>	<b>76.3</b>	70.4	44.0
West Dunbartonshire	<b>243</b>	<b>77.0</b>	79.6	71.9
West Lothian	<b>512</b>	<b>23.8</b>	47.6	43.8
<b>Scotland</b>	<b>13,355</b>	<b>67.4</b>	<b>64.6</b>	<b>60.2</b>