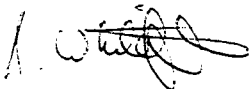


AGENDA ITEM No. 3 - NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL
REPORT

To: HOUSING COMMITTEE		Subject: PROGRESS REVIEW: SHORT-TERM HOUSING ISSUES
From: DIRECTOR OF HOUSING		
Date: 23 NOVEMBER 1995	Ref.: GSW/MR	

I attach for submission to the next Housing Committee a copy of the above progress report which updates the information contained within my previous report of 10 October 1995 (paragraph 2 of the Housing Committee Minutes of 25 October 1995 refers).



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PROGRESS REPORT - HOUSING - DECEMBER 1996

	<i>SHORT TERM ISSUES</i>	<i>PROGRESS/CURRENT POSITION</i>
1.	Committee Structures	Now established. Proposed presentation format for Members Briefing Sessions submitted to Chief Executive who is co-ordinating this exercise.
2.	Adoption of key policy assumptions and determination of future strategic aims and objectives	Complete.
3.	Staff Structures	Structure down to and including fourth tier level approved and matching/selection process due to start in the near future. Staff Transfer scheme also agreed.
4.	Rationalisation of IT Systems	Implementation of agreed short term IT Strategy progressing satisfactorily.
5.	Bid by Cumbernauld and Kilsyth District Council for Development Corporation Houses	Bid currently being evaluated. Discussions ongoing with Development Corporation, TPAS and Chief Housing Officer (CKDC) on this matter.
6.	1996/1997 Housing Revenue Estimates	Base estimates in current format of merging authorities now prepared. Full report on estimates/rent levels scheduled for submission to Committee before mid-January 1996.
7.	Repairs and Maintenance - Policy Review	Work progressing towards finalisation of full policy review report for submission to Committee in January 1996.
8.	Allocations and Homelessness - Policy Review	Work progressing towards finalisation of full policy review report for submission to Committee in January 1996.

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9.	Rent Arrears	Work progressing towards finalisation of full policy review report for submission to Committee in January 1996.
10.	Housing Finance - Policy Review	Policy review report submitted to Committee 6 December 1995.
11	Housing Benefits - Policy Review	Policy review report submitted to Committee 6 December 1995.
12.	Estate Management - Policy Review	Policy review report submitted to Committee 6 December 1995.
13.	Improvement and Repair Grants	Work progressing towards finalisation of full policy review report for submission to Committee in January 1996.
14.	Community Care	Policy review report scheduled for submission to Committee in February 1996.
15.	Housing Management - CCT Strategy	Work progressing towards finalisation of strategy report to Committee in January/February 1996. Preparation of performance information also progressing satisfactorily.
16.	CCT Strategy for Repairs and Maintenance	Discussions ongoing with Director of Construction Services and inter-departmental working group established to start preparation of contract documentation etc. Report to Housing Committee in January 1996.
17.	Communication with Service Users and Tenant Consultation	Further working group to be established to form proposals for short-term strategy.
18.	Office Accommodation	Awaiting feedback from Head of Property and Development regarding outcome of Council wide review.

	<i>SHORT TERM ISSUES</i>	<i>PROGRESS/CURRENT POSITION</i>
19.		Report to be submitted to Committee - January 1996.
20.	1996/97 Housing Capital Programme	First draft prepared of Housing Capital Programmes, Checklists, Annual Policy Statement and Housing Strategy document - still awaiting notification of Resource Planning Assumptions from the Scottish Office. Basis of programme preparation now agreed by Committee. Arrangements being finalised for Scottish Office Ministerial visit scheduled for 12 January 1996.