

## NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL

## REPORT

TO: Social Work Committee	Subject:
FROM: Jim Dickie Director of Social Work	North Lanarkshire Care and Repair Project
DATE OF COMMITTEE: 30th March 1999	
REPORT AUTHOR: Stephen Rankin	
REF: JD/SR	

**1 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 This report requests additional funding for the North Lanarkshire Care and Repair project for year 1999/2000. The report complements the attached report by the Director of Housing and the Director of Social Work.

**2 BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 Due to the success of the project, it is proposed that additional recurring funding of £1,814 from community care monies be approved (see attached report).

**3 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 3.1 Committee is asked to:

- (i) approve a further £1,814 recurring revenue in addition to £15,000 approved on 10 June 1997 and;
- (iii) otherwise note the terms of the report.

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Jim Dickie  
Director of Social Work  
10th March 1999

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**NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL  
REPORT**

To : <b>HOUSING COMMITTEE SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE (Planning and Administration Sub-Committee)</b>		Subject : <b>North Lanarkshire Care and Repair Project</b>
From : <b>DIRECTOR OF HOUSING DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WORK</b>		
Date :	Ref : <b>JD/SR/IMcM/LV/6</b>	

**1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 This report advises members of the progress of the North Lanarkshire Care and Repair project and the funding requirements for financial year 1999/2000.

**2. Background**

- 2.1 In June 1997 the Social Work Committee approved the recurring sum of £15,000 from Care Element Transfer to fund, in partnership with other agencies, a Care and Repair project.
- 2.2 Housing Committee of 11th March 1998 approved the sum of not more than £49,526 for first year revenue costs and the appointment of Clyde Valley Housing Association as a managing agent.
- 2.3 It was agreed that revenue funding would be based on a 40:40:20 split between North Lanarkshire Council, Scottish Homes and Lanarkshire Health Board respectively. The Council's contribution was divided equally between the Social Work and Housing Departments. The cost to the each Department in the first year was thus £9,905.

**3. The Care and Repair Project**

- 3.1 The North Lanarkshire Care and Repair project assists mainly frail older people but also people with physical disabilities and others with community care needs who own their homes or live in the private rented sector.
- 3.2 The North Lanarkshire Care and Repair project is innovative by providing an integrated service which assesses an individual's need for social and health care to allow them to live in their own house. This is in addition to the assessment of their housing repair needs which has formed the work of traditional Care and Repair projects. Operational management of the project is undertaken by Clyde Valley Housing Association with the overall strategic direction and monitoring provided by an advisory committee comprised of representatives from the managing agency and the funding partners (i.e. Scottish Homes, Lanarkshire Health Board and North Lanarkshire Council).

3.3 It was proposed that the contract awarded to Clyde Valley Housing Association would be for a 12 month period and then subject to review.

3.4 The objectives of the North Lanarkshire scheme are:

- To contribute to improving the quality of housing for people with community care needs.
- To target assistance to those in greatest need, particularly those living in unsatisfactory housing conditions, living alone, on low incomes, requiring support at home, in poor health, or with a disability.
- To improve and integrate the referral and assessment procedure for people requiring housing and social care services to enable them to live in their own home.
- To provide information and advice on housing repairs and grants as well as accessing social and health care services.
- To increase the take up of repair and improvement grants by home owners who have a physical disability or are aged over 65 years.
- To provide these services in a customised way for each individual's needs.

#### **4. Progress to Date**

4.1 North Lanarkshire Care and Repair was launched on 23 June 1998. Since then a large demand has been identified. Attached as Appendix 1 is the most recent quarterly monitoring report presented by the project to the advisory committee.

4.2 In the first 5 full months of operation to 31 December 1998, there has been a significant demand for the project's services from across North Lanarkshire. Over 168 referrals have been received with 106 cases visited. Most clients are elderly with over half having a disability of some form.

4.3 As at 31 December 1998, 8 projects had been completed, 7 were in progress and 17 were about to commence. The total projected costs is £151,466. Of this, £92,073 (61%) is likely to be met through Improvement and Repairs Grants from the Non-HRA Housing Capital Budget, with the balance of £59,393 (39%) coming from private finance and clients' savings.

4.4 In addition, some 300 grants have been or are being processed which have been assessed by the Care and Repair project in conjunction with the Grants Officer who was seconded part-time to the project from July to December 1998. These grant applications are supported by the project and are likely to incur capital expenditure of around £122,000 in 1998-99.

- 4.5 In 1998/99, North Lanarkshire Councils' Non-HRA capital allocation for Care and Repair from the Scottish Office was £214,000. The Scottish Office has indicated that, overall, a substantially increased capital allocation for Care and Repair will be made to local authorities in 1999/2000. A bid for an increased amount of £400,000 has been submitted on behalf of the Council.

## 5. Financial Implications

- 5.1 The potential level of demand for the Care and Repair service in North Lanarkshire has proven to be significant since the project was launched in June 1998. The workload is already in excess of the amount which can be dealt with by one Care and Repair Officer. In England and Wales the recommended number of clients per Care and Repair Office is a minimum of 30 and a maximum of 80 per year, but in North Lanarkshire 106 cases were visited by the Care and Repair Officer within 6 months.
- 5.2 The Advisory Committee considers it a matter of priority to expand the service by increasing the establishment through the appointment of a second Care and Repair Officer. This would allow the existing backlog of enquiries to be dealt with, would facilitate the increased involvement of Care and Repair in disabled adaptations for owner-occupiers, and would enable the project to process the increased capital resources which are anticipated for 1999/2000.
- 5.3 Clyde Valley Housing Association has submitted a Second Year Budget to the Advisory Committee, based on an increase to two Care and Repair Officers. This indicates an increase in total revenue costs from £49,526 in year 1 to £80,922 in year 2, with a further increase to £83,703 in year 3. The Advisory Committee have examined these proposals and find them to be satisfactory.
- 5.4 On the basis of the funding arrangements agreed previously with Scottish Homes and Lanarkshire Health Board, 40% of the project's administrative costs would be met by the Council, split equally between the Housing (Non-HRA Capital) and Social Work budgets. The proposed budget would therefore require funding of £16,814 by both Departments in 1999/2000.

## 6. Recommendations

- 6.1 Committee is asked to:
1. authorise expenditure for the expansion of the project.
  2. instruct the Directors of Housing and Social Work to carefully monitor expenditure on the project and bring forward periodic progress reports to future Committees;
  3. otherwise note the terms of this report.

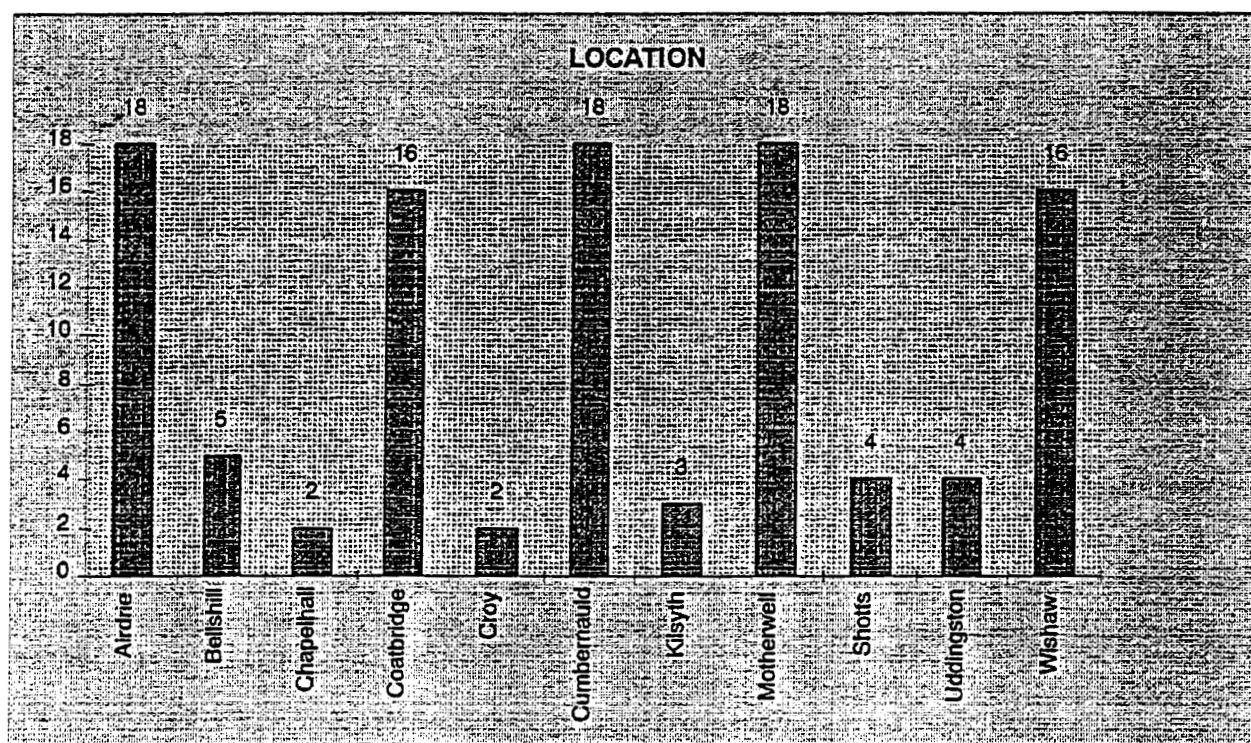
**Jim Dickie**  
**Director of Social Work**  
**10 March 1999**

**Gavin Whitefield**  
**Director of Housing**  
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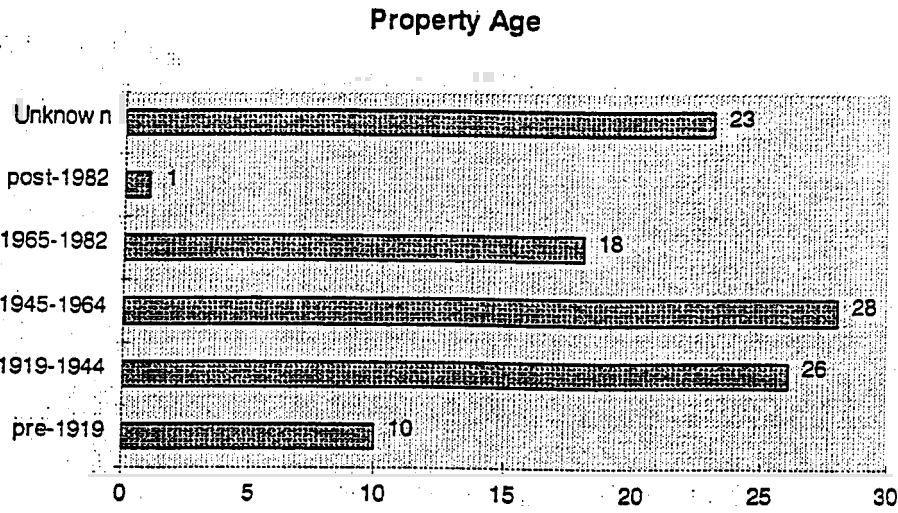
## CARE AND REPAIR NORTH LANARKSHIRE

### REPORT TO ADVISORY COMMITTEE QUARTER ENDING 31 DECEMBER 1998

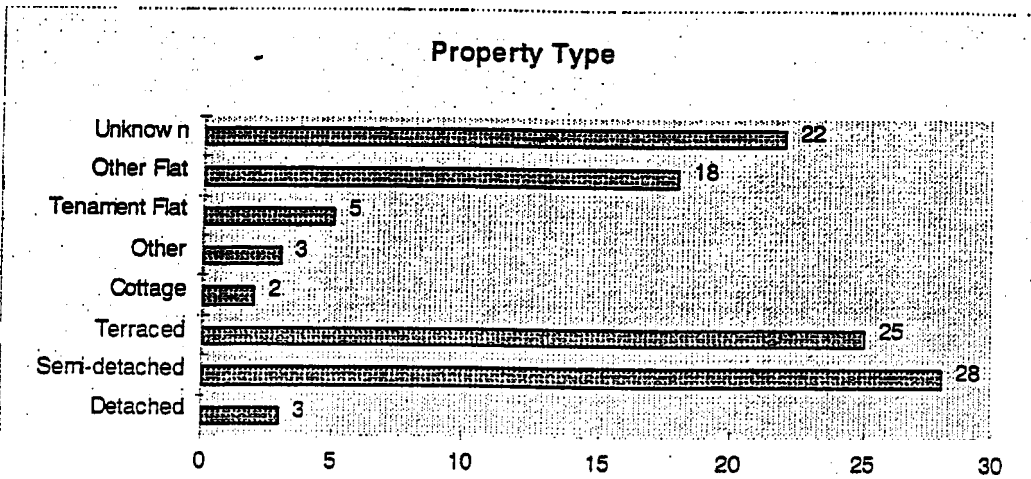
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	Visited	106
	Enquiry/Referral awaiting visit	25
	Priority referrals NLC, awaiting visit	<u>37</u>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>168</b>
2.	<u>Caseload Visited</u>	
	Advice/referral	67
	Small repair	7
	Works	<u>32</u>
		106
3.	<u>Property Details - where visited</u>	
3.1	<u>Location</u>	



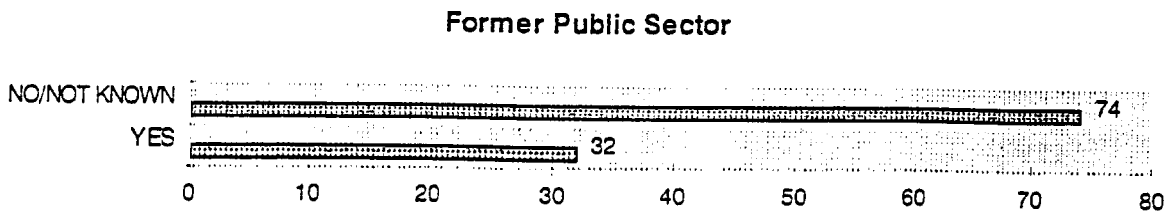
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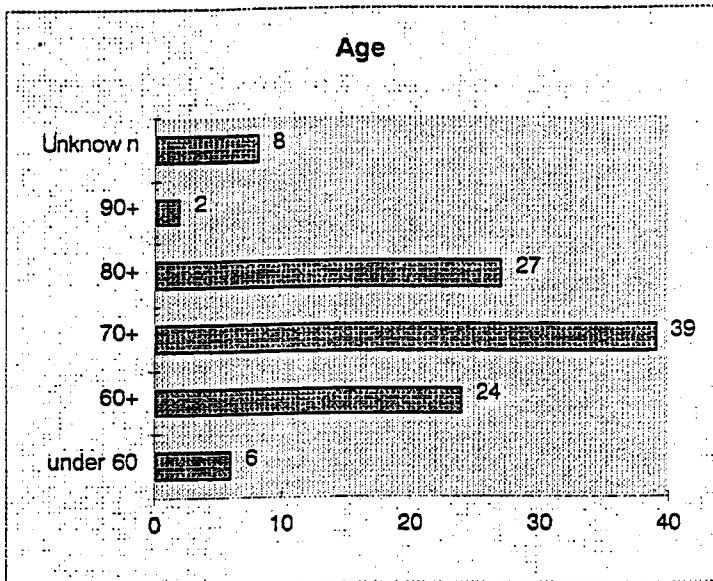


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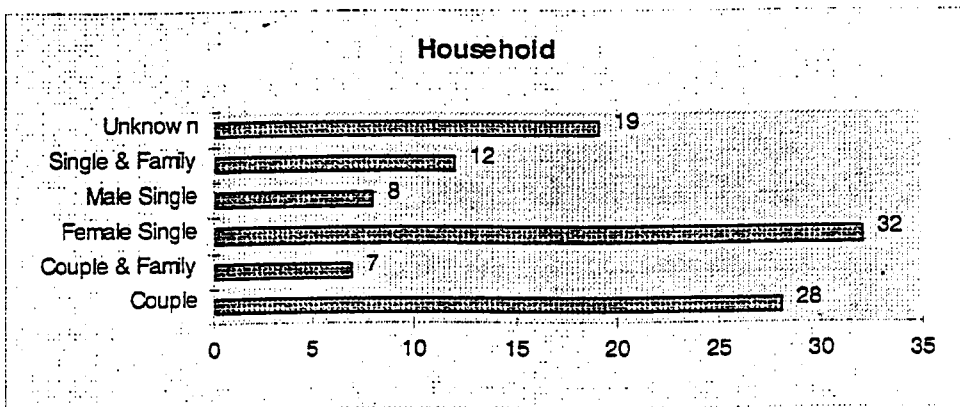


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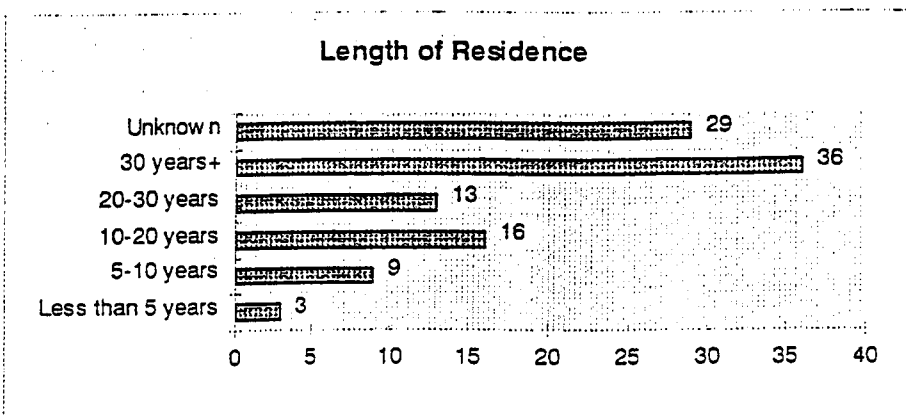
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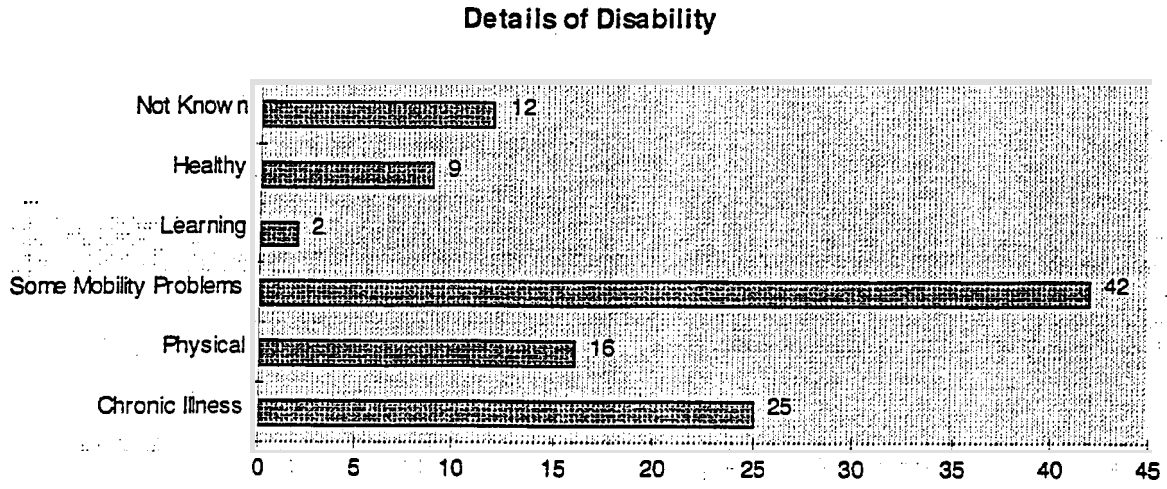
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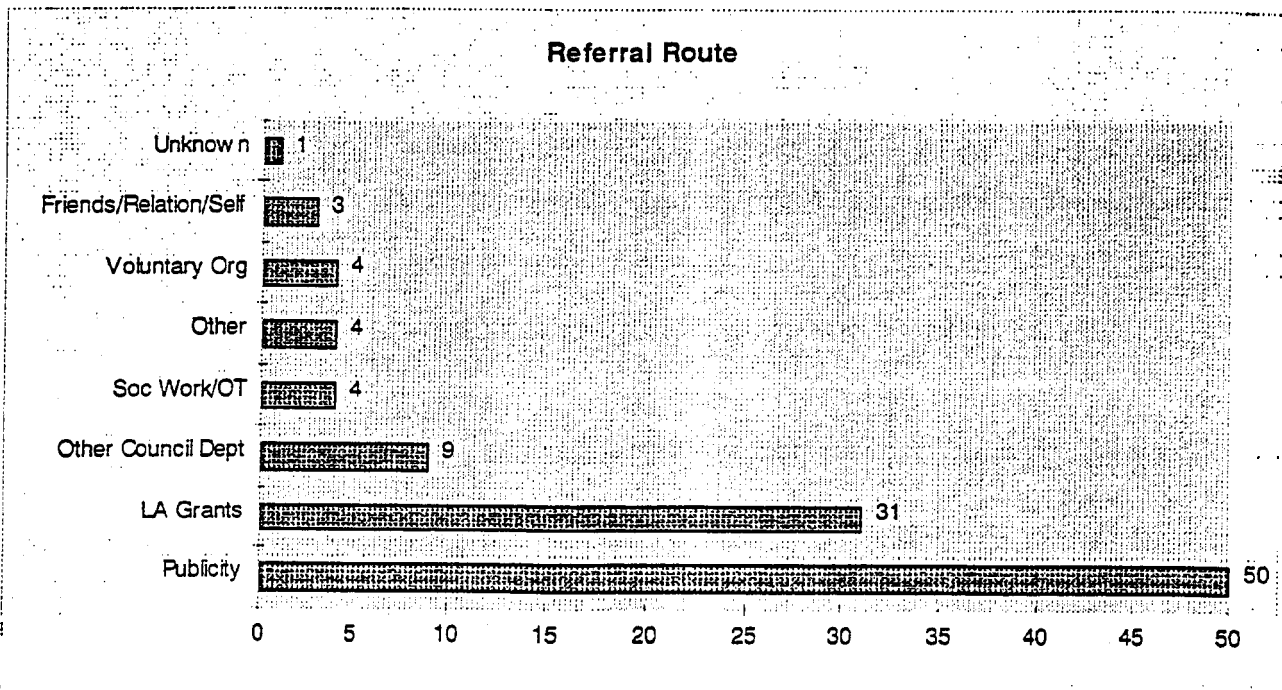
4.3 Length of Residence



4.4 Details of Disability



4.5 Referral Route





5.1 CAPITAL OUTPUT AND FUNDING SOURCES SUMMARY FOR THIS QUARTER

STATUS	UNITS	NON HRA GRANT		SOCIAL WORK GRANT		PRIVATE FINANCE		TOTAL VALUE OF WORKS	
		£	%	£	%	£	%	£	%
Work Completed	8	11,952	48.3	-	-	12,801	51.7	24,753	100
Work in Progress	7	4,693	47.5	-	-	5,195	52.5	9,889	100
Work in Pipeline	17	75,428	64.6			41,397	35.4	116,824	100

5.2 QUARTERLY CAPITAL OUTPUT AND FUNDING SOURCES SUMMARY: COMPLETIONS ONLY

QUARTER	UNITS	NON HRA GRANT		SOCIAL WORK GRANT		PRIVATE FINANCE		TOTAL VALUE OF WORKS	
		£	%	£	%	£	%	£	%
Q1	-								
Q2	-								
Q3	8	11,952	48.3	-	-	12,801	51.7	24,753	100
Q4									
TOTALS	8	11,952	48.3	-	-	12,801	51.7	24,753	100

5.3 COMPLETIONS ONLY - TYPE OF WORK

ROOF/ WALL	DISABLED	WINDOWS/ DOORS	DAMP/ ROT	DRAINAGE	BATHROOM	HEATING	ELECTRICAL	KITCHEN	ENERGY CONSERVATION
6	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-