

ANGUS COUNCIL

NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES COMMITTEE – 20 AUGUST 2009

REMOVAL OF GARAGES AT MORTAR HOLES, KIRRIEMUIR

REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

<p>ABSTRACT: This report informs committee members of the demolition of garages, and their removal from the Housing Revenue Account.</p>

1. RECOMMENDATION

- 1.1 It is recommended that the committee note the contents of this report.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Members will be aware that approval was given in 2008 to reach an agreement with Strathmore Developments Ltd, to grant a servitude right of access over the garage site at Mortar Holes, Kirriemuir, to allow an access road to be formed leading to development ground at the rear. The agreement was subsequently concluded.

3. REMOVAL OF GARAGES

- 3.1 Following discussions with Council officers, and having obtained the necessary permissions, Strathmore Developments have begun the work to form the access road across the garage site.
- 3.2 To allow space for the access road, garages (which were all empty) had to be removed. As all of the garage units had reached the end of their lifespan, and it would have been difficult to stabilise any which could have been left standing, it was deemed safer to have all the garages removed in the one operation. This means that all costs for this operation have been met by Strathmore Estates Ltd, avoiding future cost implications for the Council.
- 3.3 Having already been emptied down, the garages have been removed from the Housing Revenue Account

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There are no financial implications for the Council arising directly from this report.

5. HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are no Human Rights implications arising from this report.

6. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The issues dealt with in this report have been the subject of consideration from an equalities perspective (as required by legislation). An equalities impact assessment is not required

7. CONSULTATION

- 7.1 The Chief Executive, the Director of Corporate Services, the Director of Infrastructure Services, the Head of Finance and the Head of Law & Admin have been consulted on the content of this report.

8. CONCLUSION

- 8.1 The removal of the garages at Mortar Holes was an essential part of the agreement with Strathmore Developments Ltd, and has been concluded.

**RON ASHTON
DIRECTOR OF NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES**

NOTE: The background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) which were relied on to any material extent in preparing the above Report are:

- Angus Council Report 202/08 "Mortar Holes Garage Site, Kirriemuir". Neighbourhood Services Committee. 28th February 2008

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EQUALITY SCREENING

Policy Control Document

Name of Policy, Procedure or Report REMOVAL OF GARAGES AT MORTAR HOLES, KIRRIEMUIR

Lead Department/Service NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES / HOUSING

What is the aim of the policy, procedure or report?

This report informs committee members of the demolition of garages, and their removal from the Housing Revenue Account.

Is this a new or a review of an existing policy, procedure or report?

An update report providing information on the conclusion of servitude access arrangements

Screening Process

Has the policy, procedure or report already been assessed for its impact on people from different racial backgrounds, people of different genders and people with disabilities.

Yes No

If Yes, unless there have been significant changes, no further action is required. Please sign and date immediately below and retain for reference.

If No, does the policy, procedure or report involve or have consequences for the people the council serves or employs?

Yes No

If yes, proceed to Step 1 of the Full Impact Assessment on page 2.

If no, please state why not

The report provides updated information on an arrangement previously approved

If no, The policy, procedure or report is not relevant and no further action is required.

Please sign and date immediately and keep for reference

Name: John Morrow

Signature: _____

Date: 8/7/09