

ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE	Enterprise Planning and Infrastructure
DATE	23 February 2010
DIRECTOR	Gordon McIntosh
TITLE OF REPORT	Tied Housing within Facilities Management Service
REPORT NUMBER:	EPI/10/058

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

Following the decision of the Audit and Risk Committee of 8 September 2009 the purpose of the report is to provide the Committee with:

- (i) Information with regard to the existence, location and present occupation status of tied housing within the Enterprise, Planning and Infrastructure Service.
- (ii) Confirmation as to any requirement for the provision of tied housing within the Service.

2. RECOMMENDATION(S)

It is recommended that the Enterprise, Planning and Infrastructure Committee:

- (i) Note the content of this report.
- (ii) Agree that there is little future service need for the list of properties to be tied to the services provision.
- (iii) Instruct officers to include this information with that of other services in the report to Finance and Resources on the future of tied houses policy.
- (iv) Agree to forward the minute of this item and the report to the Education, Culture and Sport Committee, as they requested, for their information.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None as a result of this report.

4. SERVICE & COMMUNITY IMPACT

None directly as a result of this report. However, the wider policy on tied houses will take into account our asset management strategy and aim to meet National Outcome 15.

5. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

None

6. REPORT

6.1 Background

6.1.1 Historically tied housing was provided to janitorial and school grounds staff within the Council. Predominantly janitors took up occupancy of the lodge house attached to the school to which they were appointed as janitor and provided the services required to that building.

6.2 Present Position

6.2.1 Over time the above practice has changed to meet evolving needs, most recently, with the establishment of a city wide Facilities Management Service. Staff work in groups and cover a number of buildings and service needs. As janitorial staff are no longer appointed to a single school site, it is less likely that the members of facilities staff resident in any particular lodge house will be required to have specific duties only with regard to the school the lodge is attached to.

Many of the Facilities staff resident in tied houses across the city remain on call out lists and/or hold keys for, and provide a first contact emergency response with respect to, the Education property to which the tied house is attached. It should be noted that janitorial staff who do not reside in tied houses are also required to undertake on call and response duties. It is no longer deemed necessary that houses and their occupancy are tied to the adjacent buildings (in this case, schools).

There are a number of tied houses that are presently unoccupied. The properties and their respective present occupancy statuses are detailed below:

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<u>Property</u>	<u>Occupancy Status</u>
Aberdeen Grammar School Lodge	Vacant
Aberdeen Grammar School Flat	Occupied
Ashgrove School Lodge	Occupied
Ashley Road School Lodge	Vacant
Bankhead Academy Lodge	Occupied
Braeside School Lodge	Occupied
Broomhill School Lodge	Occupied
Burnside School Lodge	Occupied
Causewayend School Lodge	Occupied
Cornhill School Lodge 1	Occupied
Craighill School Lodge	Occupied
Culter School Lodge	Occupied

Cults Academy Lodge	Occupied
Fernielea School Lodge	Occupied
Ferryhill School Lodge	Occupied
Harlaw Academy Flat	Occupied
Harlaw Academy Playing Field Lodge	Occupied
Hazlehead Academy Lodge 1	Occupied
Hazlehead Academy Lodge 2	Occupied
Hazlehead School Lodge	Occupied
Holy Family RC School Lodge	Occupied
Inverdee School Lodge	Occupied
Kaimhill School Lodge	Occupied
Kincorth Academy Lodge	Vacant
Kittybrewster School Lodge	Vacant
Linksfield Academy	Occupied
Lodge 1 Stockethill Crescent	Occupied
Marchburn School Lodge	Vacant
Mile-End School Lodge	Vacant
Muirfield Lodge	Occupied
Northfield Academy Lodge	Occupied
Quarryhill School Lodge	Occupied
Rosehill School Lodge	Occupied
Seaton School Lodge	Occupied
Skene Square School Lodge	Vacant
Stockethill School Lodge	Vacant
Summerhill Academy Lodge	Occupied
Sunnybank School Lodge	Occupied
Torry School Lodge	Occupied
Tullos School Lodge	Occupied
Walker Road School Lodge	Occupied
Westerton School Lodge	Occupied
Woodside School Lodge	Occupied

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8. BACKGROUND PAPERS

None