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Enterprise, Planning and Infrastructure Committee

23 February 2010

**TIED HOUSING WITHIN THE FACILITIES MANAGEMENT SERVICE –
EPI/10/058**

With reference to article 5 of the minute of the meeting of the Audit and Risk Committee of 8 September, 2009, the Committee had before it a report by the Director of Enterprise, Planning and Infrastructure which provided information regarding the existence, location and present occupation status of tied housing within the service; and provided confirmation as to any requirement for the provision of tied housing within the service.

Historically tied housing was provided to janitorial and school ground staff within the Council, where predominately, 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. However, over time this practice had changed to meet evolving needs, most recently, with the establishment of a city wide Facilities Management Service. In light of this change janitorial staff were no longer appointed to a single school site, and therefore it was less likely that the members of facilities staff resident in any particular lodge house would be required to have specific duties only with regard to the school the lodge was attached to. Despite this it was highlighted that many of the facilities staff resident in tied houses across the city remained on call out lists and/or hold keys for, and provided a first contact emergency response with respect to, the education property to which the tied house was attached. It was also noted that janitorial staff who did not reside in tied houses were also required to undertake on call and response duties. As such it was no longer deemed necessary that houses and their occupancy be tied to the adjacent buildings. Details of the existent and present occupation status of tied housing within the service was provided.

The report recommended:-

that the Committee-

- (a) note the contents of the report;
- (b) concur that there was little future service need for the list of properties to be tied to the services provisions;
- (c) instruct officers to include this information along with that of other services in a future report to the Finance and Resources Committee on the overall future of the tied houses policy;
- (d) forward the minute of this item and the report to the Education, Culture and Sport Committee, as they requested, for their information; and

The Convener, seconded by the Vice-Convener, moved that the recommendations be approved.

As an amendment, Councillor Boulton, seconded by Councillor Adam, moved:-
that the Committee approve recommendations (a), (c) and (d).

On a division, there voted:- for the motion (10) – the Convener, the Vice-Convener, and Councillors Clark, Corall, Cormie, Grieg, Jaffrey, Penny, Robertson and John

West; for the amendment (5) – Councillors Adam, Allan, Boulton, Crockett and Milne.

The Committee resolved:-

- (i) to adopt the motion; and
- (ii) to request the Director of Enterprise, Planning and Infrastructure to advise Councillor Allan directly of the current status of the Victoria Road school lodge.